



## Police officers discover two bodies in property

TWO bodies have been found in a house on a quiet residential street near Oswestry.

Police were called to the property in Erw Wen in Morda after receiving a call that led to a concern for the welfare of the occupants.

When officers arrived at the address on Saturday, a man and woman, both in their 30s, were found dead.

Forensic investigations took place in the house and door to door inquiries were carried out by officers.

The bodies were discovered at 5.45pm on Saturday.

West Mercia Police officers are still working with the man and woman's next of kin before identifying the pair.

The two deaths are not being

treated as suspicious and a file will be prepared for the coroner ahead of a possible inquest.

Detective Inspector Rob Mountford, who is leading the investigation, said neighbours of those that had died had been spoken to.

He said: "I would like to reassure the community that we believe this to be a contained incident at the address

with no other parties involved. We are not treating the deaths as suspicious and are not seeking anyone else in relation to this.

"A file will be passed to the coroner."

Police say there is no link between the discovery of the two bodies at the weekend and the deaths of two people in a derelict building earlier this year.

In February police found the bodies of a man and a woman in a derelict house at the junction of Weston Lane and Maesbury Road in Oswestry.

It is believed they had been living in the building.

Inquests are still to be opened into their deaths and their identities have not yet been made public by West Mercia Police.

## HEALTH

### Welsh Government gives opinion on future of A&E site

THE Welsh Government has backed plans to have accident and emergency services based solely in Shrewsbury.

The First Minister of Wales, Carwyn Jones, has confirmed the support for the plan. It is the first time the Welsh Government has made public comment on its preferred option for the location of A&E services for Shropshire and Mid Wales.

The statement came when Montgomeryshire Assembly Member Russell George spoke at First Minister's questions asking why the Welsh Government had not joined in the Future Fit consultation process. Mr Jones said: "Geographically, Shrewsbury is closer, and so we would prefer services to be based in Shrewsbury. But it's important to ensure that services are safe and sustainable, which is something, of course, that we've had to deal with ourselves. But clearly, from our perspective, we would wish to see services that are accessed by Welsh people in England as close to those Welsh patients as possible."

Mr George welcomed the First Minister's response.

He said: "I have always maintained that it is common sense that emergency care serving Shropshire and Mid Wales should be located in the centre of the region in Shrewsbury, but to date the Welsh Government has previously balked at the chance to add its considerable weight to my calls for this outcome."

## EDUCATION

### New head of £13m school announced

THE head of Welshpool's £13 million super school has been appointed.

Justine Baldwin, currently headteacher at Gungrog School in Welshpool, has been appointed as the new head of the town's English-medium school.

Parents of pupils at the town's four junior schools received letters from the new governing body explaining that Mrs Baldwin would head-up the school, which will be built near Welshpool High School.

The four current primary schools in the town will be replaced by two new schools, one of each for English and Welsh streams.

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# TOURIST CENTRE'S RE-OPENING HOPE

Report by Naomi Penrose

**OSWESTRY'S Mile End Tourist Information Centre could be re-opened in time for the busy summer tourist season, a prominent business leader has said.**

Clive Knowles, the owner of the British Ironwork Centre, is leading a move to re-open the centre, which closed last year, under the umbrella of a Shropshire Tourism Volunteer Group.

Mr Knowles said the ambitious plan was moving at a "good pace" with steps being taken to turn the centre into a Community Interest Company (CIC).

He said: "At the moment we've got solicitors working on a proposal to make the centre a CIC, and we're currently in the process of appointing a board of trustees."

"But really now the important thing to stress is we can't do this without a band of volunteers, so I would encourage anyone who's interested to come forward and lend a hand. The tourist information centre was crucial to the town and the town's tourist economy and it's located at the main gateway into town, so this is something I'm really keen to see happen."

The centre originally opened at Mile End when the A5/A483 bypass was built 30 years ago and won awards for being the best in the Midlands but it closed last July after Shropshire Council said visitor numbers had plummeted.

Mr Knowles had hoped the centre would be open by this Easter weekend, but he now admits that was an ambitious idea and believes summer is a more realistic goal.

Meanwhile, Mr Knowles, with the help of local rambler groups, has started to look at how rights-of-ways can be improved in the area to entice more visitors to Oswestry.

He says research shows that the majority of visitors to Shropshire associate the area with outdoor activities.

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## Bright ideas for even more blooming success



The chairman of Oswestry In Bloom committee Betty Gull takes a look at some of the colourful displays. Photo: Alan Evans.

OSWESTRY is gearing up for this year's visit by Britain in Bloom judges with a host of colourful initiatives.

The town's In Bloom committee is urging residents and businesses to step up and help Oswestry retain the gold medal awarded by judges for the past decade.

Betty Gull, chairman of the committee, said that there were many local competitions and events in the pipeline. "During the winter months the committee has not been idle," Miss Gull said. "The Oswestry in Lights

competition, which was held on the run-up to Christmas, was supported by many local residents and contributed to brightening up cold winter evenings with brilliant displays of Christmas lights."

She said the next competition was the spring bulb event, involving primary schools growing crocus bulbs.

Oswestry Town Council is getting involved, sending out letters to town centre businesses inviting them to join the floral decoration scheme. Last year there were more than 250

baskets and 100 planters around the town. "The In Bloom committee would like to thank all those local businesses who took part," Miss Gull said.

"Last year saw Oswestry presented with its 12th gold award in the Heart of England in Bloom competition, we really want to make it 13."

The Heart of England in Bloom competition will be judged on July 12 and Miss Gull said she hoped everyone would help make the town look its best.

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# Parking shake-up 'could help ease ticket tensions'

Report by Naomi Penrose

**A SHAKE-up of Oswestry's current car parking system would help diffuse problems with tickets and increase footfall, a business chief has claimed.**

Sarah Probert, business lecturer at North Shropshire College and member of Oswestry Chamber of Commerce, has suggested the way forward following anger in the town over traffic wardens issuing tickets to market traders and residents.

Mrs Probert believes a "measured approach" is needed.

She said: "People are getting fired up about what's been going on and that's totally understandable."

"It's regrettable that tickets have been issued but unfortunately these rules are there and from a business perspective you would not expect free parking all year round."

"Car parks need maintaining and we know that some services in the town are paid for through the town council-run car parks. Free parking at Christmas time is a gesture of goodwill from the council but it's not something that is feasible during the rest of the year. I do think moving forward, people paying for parking on exit would actually be beneficial."

Mrs Probert added: "Analysis shows that actually footfall increases when people pay for their parking after they've been shopping. It also means people aren't rushing around to come back in an hour's time and can looking around at their pace, which is great for businesses."

Town Clerk David Preston said he was aware that Oswestry Chamber of Commerce had been discussing parking at a recent meeting including parking arrangements at the town's main Central Car Park.

The council runs Central Car Park as well as other car parks while Shropshire Council is also responsible for the running of some of the town's car parks

He said: "There are various groups that look at town centre issues. At the present, the town council will be open to consider any matter raised as appropriate. Pay on exit was looked at some years ago, and at the time the professional opinion was the site was such a large open site, that it was unsuitable but clearly changes have been made in software and equipment and if appropriate, this could be looked at."

## Gold medallist launches sports courses



Lydia Thompson from Worcester Valkyries, Ruth Harris, regional development officer for England Netball, and Danielle Brown

A DOUBLE Paralympic gold medallist said a visit to North Shropshire College to launch two new sports courses.

Danielle Brown MBE did the honours as she helped launch the men and women's multi-sport scholarships, which will be based at the college's Walford campus from September.

The women's scholarship will include a BTEC Level 3 sport qualification with multi-sport pathways – rugby, football and netball.

The programme will be supported by Worcester Valkyries, Wolves FC and Wolves Community Trust and England Netball, and championed by the double Paralympic

gold medallist for archery Danielle, who is the official ambassador of the scholarship.

The men's scholarship will run similarly with the BTEC Sport qualification, and will feature pathways of rugby and football.

It will also be supported by Wolves FC and Wolves Community Trust.

Staff at the college said they were "thrilled" to welcome Danielle to the college to launch the courses.

Karen Roberts, assistant principal, said: "The scholarships are perfect for students with a passion for sport who see their future career in coaching and sports development."

"Both scholarships have fantastic support and put the student right at the heart,

allowing them the choice of sport pathway and a range of enrichment activities supported by partner agencies."

Laura Nicholls, senior manager for Wolves Community Trust, said: "We are excited to be supporting North Shropshire College with their new sport scholarship."

"We look forward to working alongside the college to add real value to the programme and offer the young people involved a unique education within this sector."

Mrs Roberts also confirmed the college is looking to offer two funded accommodation places for the year – one for each of the scholarship programmes.

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## Pollution on busy road is on decrease

AIR quality monitoring outside a home on one of the region's busiest roads is to stop because the level of pollution has dropped, according to council officers.

The home, Gate House at the junction on the A483 at Sweeney, near Oswestry, has been monitored for pollution from passing cars and lorries for more than 10 years.

Shropshire Council's cabinet has been asked to consider the request to revoke the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) on the property after investigations revealed pollution had fallen and was not likely to increase. A report from Karen Collier, regulatory services operations manager, states: "In 2004, an AQMA was declared covering a single property known as Gate House located at the junction on the A483, Sweeney, Oswestry, SY10 8AA, in line with duties prescribed in the Environment Act 1995. The AQMA was declared due to a likely breach of the annual mean nitrogen dioxide national air quality objective of 40 µg/m3. This was due to there being a residential receptor presenting relevant exposure within one metre of the kerbside of a busy trunk road, the A483."

The report concludes that there has been no breach of pollution levels for 10 years. Shropshire Council's cabinet was due to discuss the report yesterday (Wednesday).

## Helicopter used to hunt for man

A POLICE helicopter was involved in a hunt for a man after a car hit a house and a police car.

The collision with the house happened on Unicorn Road and the police car on nearby Middleton Road in Oswestry at about 12.30pm on Monday and involved a grey Ford Focus ST vehicle.

One man was arrested but another ran from the scene which led to the police helicopter being mobilised to look for him.

Anne Tugwell, for West Mercia Police, said: "We are asking for witnesses who saw a car driving from Ambleside Road to Unicorn Road and also asking for a woman who saw a suspect discarding a key in a car park at Morrison's to come forward," she said. "A 31-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of dangerous driving and refusing to give a breath test."

# Changes to be made to town's traffic system

Report by Sue Austin

**CHANGES to Welshpool's controversial one-way system are on the way, it has been confirmed by the Welsh Government.**

In a letter to County Councillor Graham Breeze, the cabinet secretary for economy and infrastructure, Ken Skates, says Broad Street will be reduced to single lane traffic and new parking arrangements are on the way.

And the Government is still investigating Welshpool Town Council proposals to return Brook Street and Union Street to two-way traffic.

Councillor Breeze says he wrote to Mr Skates after being inundated by residents concerned about safety on Broad Street.

In his response Mr Skates said: "As part of the investigations a study into the parking and crossing arrangements on Broad Street has been completed and I have asked my officials to take forward the recommendations of the report."

"This comprises the detailed design of single lane running on Broad Street, improvements to parking arrangements and the provision of a controlled pedestrian crossing adjacent to the Town Hall."

"The study into the one-way system at Welshpool is ongoing. This includes the consideration of converting Brook Street to two-way traffic. The report will be available in the spring."

"The works to improve the pedestrian crossing facility at the junction of Jehu Road and High Street have been completed."

"The improvements to the traffic signals at Morrison's junction on Berriew Road and at The Cross have also been completed."

The news was welcomed by Councillor Breeze. "The study was put in place by Edwina Hart when she was minister for economy science and transport after she visited Welshpool," he said.

"In two-lane format Broad Street is a nightmare for both motorists and pedestrians and it is nothing short of a miracle that no-one has been killed."

"The system is flawed and it is fantastic news that the Government has listened to the people of Welshpool. Introducing a one-lane system will improve safety, increase short-term parking facilities and put an end to the double parking. The controlled crossing is an absolute must to stop pedestrians taking their lives into their own hands every time they try to cross the road."

## Tractor fundraiser proves a right pull



Gary Penton, Lynsey Kilvert from Hope House Children's Hospice, nurse Rod Jarvis from Severn Hospice and Maureen Penton at the cheque presentation

IT has been going for only five years but the success of a tractor pull has seen £16,000 split between two of the region's most valued charities.

The annual Ruyton XI Towns Tractor Pull, organised last year by Gary and Maureen Penton, and Mark and Lynne Jones, has resulted in £8,000 being handed over to The Severn Hospice and Hope House Children's Hospice.

The tractor pull, which takes place in October, has grown every year since it started and last year's event saw it running two tracks for the first time, making it the only British tractor pull to do so.

Mr Penton, who visited Severn Hospice in a tractor to deliver the funds, said organisers were delighted to be able to support the charities.

He said: "We are thrilled, over the moon to have raised that much."

"The ambition for this year is to try and beat that total and get to £30,000 because the more we can make the more we can give to these charities."

Mr Penton paid tribute to all those who had helped raise the money, and particularly the event's main sponsors.

He said: "It is thanks to all of the

sponsors, the helpers, the families, and the people who come along to enjoy the event. I would particularly like to thank NS Scaffolding of Oswestry who put up all the barriers and the track fencing, Gray and Adams Trailers of Doncaster, and Hartshorne Volvo in Shrewsbury."

Mr Penton, who is a director of Oswestry firm Penton's Haulage and Cold Storage, revealed that the decision to launch the event had been taken after he and his wife witnessed the care provided by the staff at the Severn Hospice.

Planning is already well under way for this year's event.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Fair set to have something for all

WITH craft, plants and produce stalls along with a tombola, raffle children's lucky dip, and much more there is something for everyone at an Easter Fair to be held at the Corn Exchange in Welshpool on Saturday.

The event runs from 9am till 1pm. Admission is free and refreshments are available.

Meanwhile, an evening with popular entertainer Martin Barry will be held in the Church House in Welshpool on May 6. Tickets are now on sale from Welshpool Jewellers.

Both events are to raise money for the town's annual 1940s weekend to be held from September 30 to October 1. Further details can be found on the Facebook page Welshpool Forties Weekend, Twitter @Welshpool1940s or the website www.welshpool1940s-weekend.co.uk

### Two are treated after crash on A5

TWO people were treated by paramedics after a crash on the A5 near Oswestry.

The crash between the two cars took place shortly after noon on Saturday between the Middleton Road and the Whittington Road islands on the A5, emergency services said.

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service sent one crew to the scene to ensure the vehicles were safe.

West Midlands Ambulance Service and the police also attended the incident on Saturday.

Motorists also reported delays on the A5 and M54 on Friday.

Those delays were caused when a power line conductor was found to be hanging over the road.

### Crew called out to deal with flooding

FIREFIGHTERS were called out to flooding at a home in Oswestry.

The flooding happened in the bathroom of the property in Honeysuckle Drive, which affected the electrics.

It happened shortly after 9.10pm on Tuesday last week.

One crew from Oswestry was sent out to deal with the incident.

Firefighters isolated the water in the property and gave advice to the householders.

The crew left the scene shortly after 9.35pm.

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Chloe Edwards

# Demand sees college extend bus route

BOSSES at Oswestry's North Shropshire College have announced they are to extend one of its bus routes all the way to a Mid Wales town because of high demand from prospective students.

Due to the high demand, the college said it will extend its Berriew bus route so that it now begins and picks up in Newtown.

The extended service will start in

September for the 2017/2018 academic year.

Chloe Edwards, schools liaison and marketing co-ordinator at the college, said: "After a large amount of prospective students attended our campus open events, the demand for a bus which picked up in Newtown was made apparent."

The new bus route ensures that students who need to travel from

Newtown and the surrounding areas have an easily accessible route to get to both the Oswestry and Walford Campuses, which there will be two separate buses for.

That is not all that is changing, as for the academic year 2017/2018, the college is making travel to its campuses more affordable. Any students with a household income of £30,000 and under will be eligi-

ble for free transport and for those students purchasing a bus pass, the cost will be significantly reduced compared to previous years using a zonal system.

The college is also introducing a monthly payment scheme where the cost of the bus pass can be paid over 10 monthly instalments rather than in three payments like previous years.

# Canal campaigners' delight at £70,000 funding boost

Report by Sue Austin

**CANAL** campaigners are celebrating after winning a £70,000 award to help rebuild a bridge.

The grant for the Schoolhouse Bridge on the Montgomery Canal is a major boost, according to volunteers who are working to restore a two-mile length of the canal on the Shropshire border through to Llanymynech.

The ultimate aim is to reconnect Welshpool to the national canal network after more than 50 years. Schoolhouse Bridge is on the section of canal between Crickheath and Llanymynech. The Inland Waterways Association, which has been given the award, says that with no locks to be restored on the section of the Montgomery Canal the rebuilding of Schoolhouse Bridge is the only significant obstacle to restoring the canal back to the Welsh border at Llanymynech.

The total cost to rebuild the bridge is around £200,000, and the legacy award will unlock other donations and match funding that should allow the work to be carried out in summer 2018.

Michael Limbrey, IWA branch president, said the grant was from a larger legacy generously donated to IWA by long-time canal restoration expert Tony Harrison.

He said: "This grant is more good news for the Montgomery Canal. It is only a few months since we received a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund for work including another nature reserve at Aston Locks and the restoration of the canal to Crickheath, and those are now getting under way."

"I particularly value the fact that the award is from a legacy from Tony Harrison. Tony played a significant part in the development of our strategy for restoration, travelling to Shropshire regularly for several years while the discussions were under way. The final strategy he helped to create ensures that the canal is restored with protection for its special built and natural heritage."

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## Talks held on footpath links



Clive Knowles chats about the plans with Peter Carr, chair of Shropshire Ramblers, and Peter Danby, vice chair of Oswestry Ramblers group

A VISITOR attraction has joined forces with rambling groups to get people more active.

Members of local ramblers groups met Clive Knowles of the British Ironwork Centre near Oswestry to look at how rights-of-way can be improved in the area.

One of the aims is to connect many of the footpaths in the area to the leisure and sculpture park.

Mr Knowles said: "The ironworks is lucky enough to have several public rights-

of-way nearby and adjoining the sculpture park, these will hopefully be extended and improved to increase connectivity of the network."

"We would like to ensure that ramblers from all over the county are able to use the centre as a coffee stop or as a walking destination."

He said the entire site is being used to increase visitor wellbeing and is encouraging visitors to explore greater areas of art, nature and horticulture.

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# 'Huge step forward' for A5 and A483 upgrade, says MP

Report by Naomi Penrose

**PLANS to upgrade the A5 and A483 near Oswestry have moved a "huge step forward" as a Government Minister has announced they will be assessed as part of a key road investment strategy.**

North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson said he believes the announcement that the A5 and A483 have gone into advanced studies as part of the Government's investment strategy for beyond 2020 is the "best news" campaigners for dualling the roads have had in many years.

The news came via letter to Mr Paterson from roads minister John Hayes. Mr Hayes said the Government is listening to the concerns of people who use the roads or live nearby after a highways report found that congestion on the A5 north of Shrewsbury and A483 around Oswestry is worsening, impacting safety, economic growth and the environment.

## Parking of lorries raise safety fears

LARGE lorries travelling to and from a busy factory site and parking on a main road through a town are an "accident waiting to happen", it has been claimed.

Kronospan in Chirk has come under fire from residents, as its lorries are parking on the main road, causing traffic chaos and anger among motorists.

Councillor Terry Evans, who represents Chirk South on Wrexham Council, said the queues are backing down as far as the Lodgevale estate, and although impatient motorists are attempting to overtake the large vehicles, the problem originates from the factory. He said: "People are getting impatient and overtaking these lorries but they can't always see what's ahead, it's an accident waiting to happen and it has to stop."

"There really is no excuse now because I believe the weigh bridge is now fixed, I think the problem is that because of all the work going on at the factory, there's no longer space for lorries to park there."

Candida Pryce-Jones, a spokeswoman for Kronospan, said: "There have been occasional problems in Chirk with traffic build-up into the factory in recent times. We have replaced one of our weigh bridges recently, employed a marshal to assist with the flow of traffic, and are reviewing our logistics operation to take out any bottlenecks and ensure a smooth flow of vehicles into, through and out of the factory, for the benefit of everyone."

## Actor Ricky to talk on strikes



Ricky Tomlinson, centre, was involved in construction workers' strikes in the 1970s

ACTOR Ricky Tomlinson will be coming to Oswestry to give a talk on the controversial Shrewsbury pickets that saw him jailed in the 1970s.

The former Royle Family actor, who was working as a plasterer at the time, is coming to Oswestry Cricket Club on Tuesday, and wants to hear from any local pickets or ex-police officers who were involved in the national construction workers' strike in 1972.

Mr Tomlinson was one of three men jailed for conspiring to intimidate workers at building sites in Shrewsbury and Telford during the bitter strike.

Ahead of the talk in Oswestry, the former Brookside star said he still wants answers. He said: "I'm going on 78 years old and

I will go to my grave fighting. I just want answers now. They can prosecute me again.

"I want to know why our court case cost in today's money £15 million, why we were considered that level of threat.

"We're coming to Oswestry because we know there are a few men involved in the town, and we want to hear what they know and think.

"We were striking not only because of the low pay, but the dehumanising conditions. Someone died everyday and a boss would only be fined £100, that's three weeks wage, that was how much workers' lives cost."

The meeting, which starts at 7pm, forms part of Mr Tomlinson's plans to create a documentary about the pickets, which he hopes will help bring the truth to light.

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# PETER RHODES

THE days grow longer and warmer. I am reminded every spring of our little girl, then three, who vanished into the garden for a while and went suspiciously quiet. Turned out she had been picking flowers and laying them, thoughtfully and reverently, at the foot of a small cherry tree. Whatever religion you later force on your kids, I suspect they all start off as druids.

THE latest plan to cut the Royal Marines has resurrected the embarrassing titbit that Jimmy Savile was buried wearing the Royal Marines green beret which he was entitled to wear, having passed the Marines' gruelling selection course. Since the sex abuser and paedophile was exposed, the Marines have naturally cut all links to him. But memories cannot be erased. A recent reference to Savile's green beret in a London newspaper prompted a veteran to recall an incident when Savile was guest of honour at a function at the Royal Marines' Commando school and was introduced to the corporals' wives. The former marine recalled: "As he bent to give them a kiss, he actually licked them instead. The wives all thought he was an absolute horror." The mystery is that Savile, in a roomful of angry Marines, even survived the spouse-licking incident. Disgusting man.

THERE is a moral for us all in the tale of the lady with Britain's biggest ever parking fine. Carly Mackie parked almost daily outside her family's home in Dundee and ignored the 200 penalty tickets slapped on her windscreen. The local judge ruled that Ms Mackie had 'entirely misdirected herself on both the law and the contractual chain'. It seems she had simply got it into her head that she could park where she liked as her father's guest and that the tickets, issued by a private firm, were not enforceable in Scottish law. It was a terrible delusion, but she is hardly alone. Time after time you meet people who claim to know, on the highest authority, that the law says this or that. When questioned, 'the highest authority' often turns out to be a bloke they met in a pub.

IN these litigious times, can anyone define the legal status of 'Doctor Who's' companions? The latest recruit is Bill (Pearl Mackie) and the precise contract of employment seems as vague as ever. As far as we can tell, the Doctor has been enticing or abducting young people to join him in space and time for the past 60 years (or 60 billion years, if you prefer). They go where the Doctor decides and obey the Doctor's orders. At best they are unpaid interns. At worst, is there not a whiff of modern slavery about it?



The boring machine breaks through during the huge water supply project



Work on the first of three new pipelines has now been completed.



Workers have faced various challenges during the ambitious and innovative tunnelling project

# Tunnel work completed by specialist dig machine

**DOMINIC ROBERTSON finds work is progressing on a huge specialist digging project in Mid Wales**

IT has taken six months but a specialist digging machine has finally finished a multi-million pound tunnel to bring water to the region.

Workers have been busy using a specialist boring machine to create the first of three tunnels which will reinforce water supplies to Birmingham and the surrounding area from the Elan Valley Aqueduct (EVA) in Mid Wales.

The pipes are being built at three locations, with Bleddfa complete, and the workers now moving on to Nantmel, before the final tunnel at Knighton.

The work is being carried out to provide alternative pipes to take water to Birmingham so that maintenance work can take place on the Elan Valley Aqueduct, which has been providing water for Birmingham and the surrounding area for more than 100 years.

Paul Dennison, programme manager for Severn Trent, said the work is vital because the EVA is the only water supply for Birmingham.

He said: "At the moment, the EVA is the sole source of supply into Birmingham, and storage at our treatment works at Frankley means we can only turn it off for a few days at a time for maintenance.

"To allow us to turn it off for longer periods, an alternative water supply for the city is being built.

"Work began this month on a new pipeline from Lickhill, near Stourport-on-Severn, 25km into the existing water treatment works in Birmingham.

"However, our checks on the existing



Digging the new tunnels has involved the use of huge machines and lots of expertise from a team of workers

aqueduct show that in three places, there is work that we'd rather do before the new pipeline is completed.

"As we can't shut down the aqueduct, we've had to come up with alternative solutions."

The three new tunnels are being built then connected at either end to bypass sections of the existing aqueduct.

Each of the multi-million pound projects is huge in its own right, and the machine used to cut the new tunnels is more than three metres in diameter.

Mr Dennison said they have now been able to transfer the supply of water from the 100 year old aqueduct to the new pipe.

He said: "We've been working at Bleddfa since October 2015 and a launch ceremony was held in May 2016 to celebrate the arrival and launch of the tunnel boring machine which then

spent the next six months underground digging the 1.8km long tunnel.

"The machine broke out successfully in December 2016 - right on target, completing the first tunnel.

"The last few weeks have been a busy time for us as we've been working on the transfer of flows from the 100 year old aqueduct at Bleddfa into the newly constructed tunnel.

"We planned the work to coincide with a scheduled shut-down of the EVA, when flow through the aqueduct is suspended for five days to allow inspection and maintenance."

Mr Dennison said it had not been a simple process to switch the supply.

He said: "The new tunnel was flooded by removing the barriers from each end, resulting in the flow being shared between the old aqueduct and the new tunnel.

"The water was diverted into the new tunnel by placing a series of specially shaped concrete blocks into the aqueduct gradually turning the flows from the old to the new.

"The roof slab sections have now been replaced and we have begun backfilling the two working areas.

"This is a fantastic achievement by all the team to complete the flow transfer in such a short space of time - just three days.

"We expect everything to be fully back to normal by the end of August at our site at Bleddfa village, and a month later at our site near Monmouth."

All the tunnelling equipment from Bleddfa has now been transferred to the second site at Nantmel, where the tunnel boring machine is being prepared for its re-launch this month to start work on tunnel number two.

# WORKING FOR YOU

The last two weeks have been the most traumatic and eventful of my experience in public life.

There have been three events that will have a long-term impact on Parliament and the lives of us all.

Firstly there was the act of mindless terrorism on Westminster Bridge and the attempt by a terrorist, armed with two knives to get into Parliament.

Three innocent pedestrians on the bridge were killed and PC Palmer, standing guard on the gates to Parliament, was murdered.

The terrorist was shot dead. There was an immediate lockdown in the Palace of Westminster.

Along with other MPs, I was locked in the debating chamber for over four hours.

It was traumatic in that I'd not been involved in a terrorist incident before.

Just days later was the statement to the House of Commons by the Prime Minister, informing us that she had written to the President of the European Union, Donald Tusk, invoking Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty, confirming that the United Kingdom is leaving the European Union.

## Packed

Every inch of the chamber and galleries were packed with MPs and public who wanted to be present on such an historic occasion.

There are MPs who supported Theresa May's statement, and MPs who didn't - opinion divided, as amongst the wider public.

But all of us understood the significance of the occasion. And we understand that we are entering a period of uncertainty and risk.

The next day, a White Paper outlining how the UK would be leaving the EU was published - The Great Repeal Bill.

This Bill will be announced in the Queen's Speech next month and will dominate Parliament for months to come.

The effect of a Repeal Act will be to transfer all current EU law and regulations into British law and regulations. The Act in itself won't abolish any laws, but will mean the UK Parliament will thereafter be able to change or abolish laws we didn't agree with.

The first big decision linked to the UK leaving the EU will be what is being termed 'the divorce payment'.

The figure might be £50billion or nil. My view is that the UK always pays its debts.

I will support whatever figure emanates from a fair calculation, same as it should be from every divorce!

Whatever, we know there is a very big job to do.

Glyn Davies  
Montgomeryshire MP

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**Q:** I have been told that receiving compensation for an injury whilst being on benefits can be complicated. I suffered an injury last month and as a result I am currently in receipt of government benefits. I am not sure what to do. I feel I should be entitled to compensation but I cannot afford to risk losing my benefits.

**A:** During the process of a personal injury claim, consideration will be given as to whether or not the Claimant has received benefits as a result of their injury. It is however completely normal for this to happen and you should not let it stop you from claiming for compensation.

Under the Social Security (Recovery of Benefits) Act 1997, the Department of Work and Pensions introduced a scheme called the Compensation Recovery Unit (CRU). Through the CRU system the DWP will seek to recover benefits which have been paid to a Claimant as a result of injury for which they are claiming compensation.

The liability to repay social security benefits is, however, on the compensator and not on the injured person. This means that you would not have to repay to the DWP any benefits you received as a result of your injury. Instead, the benefits you have received will be taken into account when calculating the amount of compensation you should receive and then the person(s) against whom you are claiming would have to repay the DWP.

For example, if your injury has prevented you from working and you have received benefits such as Income Support, then any sum of benefit received will be deducted from the loss of earnings aspect of your claim. The rationale behind this is that no person should be compensated twice in respect of the same accident. A specialist injury compensation lawyer will be able to assist you in processing a claim.

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# Restrictions should be made on voters

AS only householders and businesses pay council rates, then it follows that these should be the only people allowed to vote who is elected to the council.

Tax is based on the property not on how many live in it.

So why should anyone who does not pay these rates of tax be allowed to have a say in who is elected to the council?

I know that the council uses many different means of raising money, what we could term stealth tax, like car park fees, parking fines and many other types of raising revenue.

But by far the largest amount is raised

on the council rates on householders and business premises.

The new business tax is totally out of proportion when you look at the discounts given to large traders like Amazon and the coffee shop barons and other internet companies.

But then you can see the thinking of the Government who are implementing this rise.

It is far easier to kill an ant than an elephant, as prosecuting a small firm is much easier than prosecuting a large multi-national company.

You only have to look at their attempt to

get income tax from these firms, they can afford judges and barristers.

Small firms are not in this position.

It is the same old story – take from the poor and give to the rich.

You only have to look at the vast salary increases paid to the figure heads in large companies, the percentage difference between them and the ordinary working person is out of all proportion.

Nothing changes.

The rich get richer and the poor get poorer.

K BEDDIS  
via email

# Rents system is one reason why migrants come to UK

THE government is seeking to control immigration. I feel there is not enough recognition of the contribution made by the many honest and hard working migrants we have here.

However, there is an element of manipulation of the system by some groups of migrants both in London and Shropshire where I rent out two properties.

Why do large groups of migrants ignore the country they arrive in and seem determined to make it to this country? The answer is if they play the system they can enjoy a standard of living denied most of the UK population. In the first instance if they occupy a property it is very hard to evict them.

What the law now fails to do is protect the landlord from tenants who occupy a property with no intention of paying the rent. They realise they can stay for many months before eviction. My personal experience in London has been the tenant never intended to keep up with payments and has paid specialists to advise him on how to handle the law and the Department of Work and Pensions.

Apart from benefits of about £1,000 pcm he is paid housing benefit specifically intended to help him pay rent. A recent conversation with a Shropshire shopkeeper revealed exactly the same thing had happened to him, even down to the repetition of certain phrases. This tells me this is a widespread con.

ROBIN LLOYD  
Ellesmere

# When will our MPs step up?

WHEN are our Shropshire career MPs going to represent the views of thousands of Shropshire people who signed a petition against the Government's destructive health policy?

When are these MPs going to tell the PM and Number 11 Downing Street to stop shrinking the share of GDP it spends on the NHS?

When will they tell the health secretary to stop relying on demoralised staff, who hold the NHS together, and dedicated professionals going beyond the call of duty?

When are the MPs going to tell Mr Hunt to stop demonising those working in the NHS?

When are the career politicians going to ask Mr Hunt when he's at the dispatch box to stop 'throwing money' at locums and start to train more doctors and nurses?

One locum was charging £363 an hour, 260 locums (figures show) are charging the NHS more than £340,000 a year.

You MPs should advise the Government to stop sticking its head in the sand, advise the Government that people of Shropshire are willing to pay an extra 2p tax as long as it's ring fenced for the NHS.

When are Tory MPs in Shropshire going to agree with most people of Shropshire that the NHS crisis is completely unacceptable?

RON JOWETT  
Shifnal

# Students start their anatomy studies at hospital



In 1974 pupils nurses, as they were referred to back then, were taking the first steps at studying human anatomy at Shropshire Orthopaedic Hospital near Oswestry. The hospital is now of course better known as Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

# Never a good idea to believe what the politicians say

TONY Blair, John Major and the majority of remanors are attempting to instigate another referendum, because, they say, the electorate won't be in full information of the facts.

Well, my old auntie always used to say: "How do you know when a politician's lying?" Answer: "His mouth is open."

I think it is hypocritical of Blair, Major and other Remainers to claim that we are being told lies about Brexit when Edward Heath and all the other eager Europhiles within the political parties misled us from the very start of this experiment. So, here we are, over 40 years later with standards across the country, in the majority of constituencies, watered down so much as to make them all a complete waste of time.

I know progress means we cannot get these standards back, but with any possibility of them, at least not falling any further, I believe that Brexit is the best way of at least tightening them up so that they don't get any worse.

MARTIN EDDIES  
Shrewsbury

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# Dose of good sense needed

IS this government leading us up the garden path?

Seven years of austerity with drastic cuts across the board and nothing but hardship to show for it. And our national debt continues to grow. Crisis after crisis.

If the road I was travelling on wasn't taking me where I wanted to go, common sense would tell me to alter course. But I am not betting on a change of direction anytime soon.

TERRY HILLIER  
Four Crosses

# Time's come to crack down on unelected Lords

THE time has arrived when the British People should have another referendum to get rid of that pension fund for political retirees and their pals who seem to think they should still be running this country.

I refer of course to the House of Lords. If we need a second chamber of Government then it should be one elected by the people.

The decision taken by the Lords to try to force the Government to immediately give guaranteed status of residency to foreigners living here before securing the same protection for our citizens abroad is little short of Treason with a capital T.

To see such a person as Paddy Ashdown stating that this should be made law before protection of our own is sickening and we can only be grateful that we did not have such people in charge back in 1939 or we would all be speaking German.

Ukip are told there is no purpose to the party anymore. I say let a new fight begin to rid ourselves of this unelected assembly before they inflict any serious damage.

ADRIAN WILLIAMS  
Bratton

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Garden will be open for scheme

OAK Cottage at 23 High Street, Welshpool will be open under the National Gardens Scheme on Easter Sunday and Easter Monday between 2pm and 5pm.

This is the only garden open in Powys on these days. This town centre walled-garden has been revamped over the last two years but still presents gravel paths and stepping stones winding through a wide variety of plants, many unusual.

A Warden style cabinet, the alpine house and troughs should have a number of alpine and hepaticas in flower. Entry to the garden is from Bowling Green Lane which runs parallel to the High Street and which offers parking on Sundays. Home made cakes and tea/coffee available.

The entrance charge is £3.50 for adults, children free.

In 2016 £2.7 million raised through the National Gardens Scheme went to a variety of charities including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Parkinson's UK and MS Society and Hospice UK.

### Jail warning over car arson attack

A MAN has admitted arson following a car fire in Mid Wales.

Daniel Mark Williamson, aged 25, of Woodland View, Treflach, Oswestry, was further remanded in custody pending sentence at the end of the month. He appeared in the dock at Mold Crown Court charged with reckless arson - that at Ger y Llan in Meifod, on March 14, he damaged by fire a Ford Ka belonging to his former partner Melanie Simm.

Judge Niclas Parry - who described it as something of a revenge offence - said that he would be sentenced on April 26 after a pre-sentence report had been prepared by the probation service. He warned Williamson to prepare himself for an immediate custodial sentence.

# No hospital failure over death, rules coroner

Report by Sam Morris

**HOSPITAL staff did not fail in their duty of care towards a man who left an emergency department without seeing a doctor before he died hours later, a coroner has ruled.**

Guy Evans, 25, hit his head during a pub crawl at the Railway Inn at Penybontfawr on October 8.

Mr Evans, of Greenfield, St Martins, near Oswestry, was taken to Wrexham Maelor Hospital but left before being seen by a doctor. He fell and hit his head again in the early hours of the following morning in Oswestry and died at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

An inquest on Tuesday heard from nursing staff who said Mr Evans was assessed and was waiting for a doctor when he decided to leave. Staff nurse Ceri Vernon said she had carried out observations and Mr Evans was triaged to be seen by a doctor within an hour. She said she did not recall specifically saying to Mr Evans to wait for a doctor but that he would be aware to wait.

Recording a verdict of accidental death, John Ellery, senior coroner for Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin, said it was not possible to say which fall contributed to or caused Mr Evans's death.

He said: "If I have to resolve whether nursing staff told Guy he should stay to be seen, I don't believe she did but I believe it would be reasonable Guy would have known he was to be seen by a doctor because that was the point of going to A&E."

"I am also conscious that Guy's friend said they had been drinking and I can't accept his evidence that effectively Guy was told he was free to go."

"All in all I can't say there was any failure at Wrexham Maelor which caused or contributed to Guy's death."

## Thumbs-up is given to polio campaign



Rotarians Justin and Sherie Soper with Mayor Paul Milner and rotarians Ian Haigh and John Croft

MEMBERS of rotary clubs in Oswestry have given the thumbs-up to the town's support for a campaign to eradicate polio.

New boards have been placed next to three Welcome to Oswestry signs on the approaches to the town.

The boards highlight the work rotarians are doing to help eradicate polio and also celebrates 100 years of the Rotary Foundation which helps in the polio campaign.

Members of Oswestry Rotary Club

and Oswestry Borderland Club, accompanied by Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner, attended the unveiling of the boards.

They also gave a purple thumbs-up to the campaign.

Sherie Soper from the Borderland Rotary Club explained the campaign uses the colour purple because children worldwide dip their finger or thumb in purple dye to show that they have received the polio vaccine.

The rotary clubs have also planted

hundreds of crocus bulbs in and around the town to signify the town's support for the polio campaign.

Sherie said: "Five hundred crocus bulbs were planted with help from the students from Derwen College in Gobowen to enhance the Welcome to Oswestry floral displays and to give a big thank-you to Oswestry for helping to raise funds to end polio worldwide. Look out for more purple crocus next year."

## Ambulance service will investigate care delay

AN investigation has been launched after a boy, who fell at an isolated beauty spot and cut his head, had to wait more than an hour for an ambulance.

The Welsh Ambulance Service has confirmed it will be looking into the circumstances surrounding what happened.

The family was on a day trip to the picturesque, Llanrhaeadr Waterfall on Monday last week, when the boy tumbled in woods. Staff at the Pystyll Rhaeadr tea rooms dialled 999 and rushed to help the family. But the first ambulance did not arrive for an hour and a half, and the crew, on seeing the severity of the the cut on the boy's head, then had to radio for assistance.

Eventually a Welsh Air Ambulance flew into the valley and the patient was airlifted to hospital.

The Welsh Ambulance Service said the first ambulance was on scene in 90 minutes, a rapid response vehicle in one hour 52 minutes and the Wales Air Ambulance in two hours and 20 minutes. Rob Jeffery from the Welsh Ambulance Service apologised to the boy's family for the wait and confirmed it was being looked into but asked that they get in contact, in order to go through the details with them.

He said: "We can confirm that we received a call at approximately 3.02pm to reports that a young boy had fallen and sustained injuries in Llanrhaeadr. We sent a paramedic in a rapid response vehicle, a crew in an emergency ambulance and the Wales Air Ambulance who provided clinical treatment before the boy was airlifted to Alder Hey Hospital in Liverpool. We completely understand what a distressing wait this must have been for the young boy and his family, and for that we would like to sincerely apologise."

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## Project to open centre of education at attraction

A NEW animal education centre is to be opened by the popular Zoosbury project at a tourism attraction near Oswestry.

Shrewsbury-based Zoosbury cares for unwanted pets and abandoned animals and runs education events across Shropshire.

It will open its animal education centre tomorrow (Friday) at the British Ironwork Centre at Aston, just south of Oswestry on the A5, organisers have said.

Zoosbury is run by David Riley, a professional zoologist and presenter with over 25 years of experience worldwide with all animals in zoos and other animal collections.

He has made many television and radio appearances.

Mr Riley said: "Zoosbury animal education centre is different; we are not a zoo, but we have a huge number of animals that are either unwanted pets or animals that have been abandoned. "These animals are given a five star home."

"We are licensed to carry out a full education programme with animals for all age groups."

Mr Riley said that the new animal education centre has become a reality through the support and encouragement of staff at The British Ironwork Centre.

"We have also received a lot of help and support from members of the public and local businesses who have kindly donated building materials, animal and other equipment to our project.

"The centre, itself, is built from recycled and upcycled materials.

"Sustainability is a very important part of our work and will plan to continue that in the future," Mr Riley added.

# Social club building will be going under hammer

Report by Naomi Penrose

**THE building that housed a town's social club for nearly 50 years is to be auctioned off later this month.**

Welshpool Social Club, which opened in the 1960s and closed in 2016, was a popular entertainment venue in the town.

The building off Brook Street contains a large bar, function room with stage, snooker room, cellar and parking.

With a guide price of £80,000, it is among eight properties from throughout Mid Wales and Shropshire being sold by estate agents and property surveyors, Morris Marshall and Poole at its Spring Property Auction on April 27.

Rob Hudson, a partner at MMP, said: "The social club was a hive of activity in the town for nearly 50 years. The sale of the property provides an opportunity for someone to consider a commercial business at the site or to seek planning permission for change of use."

The auction will be held at Welshpool Livestock Sales.

Also going under the hammer at the auction later are a former stables and garage along the Montgomery Canal at Revel, near Berriew, which has a guide price of £15,000, while 7.82 acres of land south of Trewern House at Trewern, near Welshpool, has a guide price of £65,000.

Other properties includes a three-bedroom property at Trefonen, Oswestry with a guide price of £155,000; five lock-up garages and a yard in Salop Road, Welshpool with a guide price of £20,000 and a two-bedroom property at Sarnau, near Llanymynech at £125,000.

The auction will take place at 2pm.

## Arsonists blamed for large hill blaze



Emergency crews had a battle to control the fire on the Panorama which was thought to have been started deliberately

ARSONISTS have been blamed for a fire at a popular beauty spot.

The blaze on the Panorama, above Llangollen, was the second in a month. Police patrols are now being stepped up. Firefighters struggled to contain the fire, which broke out at about 7.30pm on Sunday. Hundreds of people had visited the limestone

outcrop, popular with walkers, over the weekend taking advantage of the good weather.

Three fire crews were sent to the scene and fire chiefs said firefighters struggled to contain the blaze as the increasing wind fanned the flames.

As night fell the blaze could be seen from across the Dee Valley and

as far away as Chirk on the Shropshire border. A spokesman for Llangollen fire station said: "The wind conditions made it very challenging for us to extinguish."

"This fire was deliberate with no thought for fire appliance availability, public safety, wildlife or the environment."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### School offering sports courses

A SCHOOL will be offering new sport courses for the summer.

Moreton Hall School has said it will be offering new, advanced cricket and lacrosse coaching courses for seven to 16 year old boys and girls during the summer holidays.

Led by two specialists in their sporting fields, the camps will be open to all and offer an invaluable opportunity for budding sports stars to hone their skills, meet new people and have fun. The workshops will cater for all standards from the beginner to advanced player. Moreton's coaches Simon Gregory and Holly Harrington will use techniques which are employed in national and international training.

Alison McDonald, head of sport at Moreton Hall, said: "This is exciting opportunity for girls and boys from across the county to come to Moreton and experience these workshops from high level coaches, gain lots of top coaching tips as well as having fun."

The courses start in July. For more information visit [www.moretonhall.org/Sport-Courses](http://www.moretonhall.org/Sport-Courses).

### Man was found on bed, inquest told

A POPULAR binman was discovered dead in his bedroom by his father just hours after going to bed, an inquest opening has heard.

Mark Woodliff, 38, of Hawthorne Grove in Oswestry, went to bed at about 9pm on January 26.

At about midnight, his father, Graham, heard the television on in his room and went to check on him.

He found his son face down on the bed, the hearing was told.

An ambulance was called but Mr Woodliff had died, the inquest opening in Shrewsbury was told.

The hearing was adjourned until July 18.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Chance to brush up driving skills

MATURE drivers in Powys are being given the opportunity to brush up on their road knowledge thanks to informal workshops organised by the county council.

Powys County Council's Road Safety Unit will be holding its Driver Theory Refresher workshop at various locations including in Welshpool on May 9.

Aimed at drivers in the county aged 65 years and over, the two-hour and classroom-based informal workshop will provide attendees a refresh of the Highway Code and driver licence requirements. It will also cover topics including night-time driving, medicine and alcohol laws and personal safety behind the wheel.

For further information email road.safety@powys.gov.uk or call Bridget Farrington on (01686) 611586 or Geoff Wilks on 07973 944652.

### Waste changes are put on hold

PLANS to revise collection rounds for recycling and waste have been put on temporary hold.

Powys County Council was planning to implement new collection arrangements towards the end of April which would have seen all recycling and waste revised with all collections undertaken between Tuesdays and Fridays with no collections taking place on Mondays.

However, the authority is now delaying the new collection day arrangements for further work to be carried out as part of its route optimisation project.

Nigel Brinn, the council's head of highways, transport and recycling, said: "We remain committed to making our recycling and waste collection service as efficient as possible."

# Wind farm groups offer up £50,000 cashpot

Report by Naomi Penrose

**WIND farm developers are offering affected communities a slice of a near-£50,000 residents' benefit fund.**

Awel Newydd has announced construction of its Tirgwynt wind farm, between Carno and Cefn Coch, is complete and the turbines are now fully operational and generating enough renewable electricity for the equivalent of 13,600 homes.

The firm has thanked the local communities for their support during the construction process. The wind farm owners are also offering a community benefit fund of £49,200 per year for its lifetime. The fund will be shared among the host communities of Dwyriw and Carno, which already have operational community funds, and the seven communities affected by the turbine delivery route. Dwyriw community is already accepting applications and Carno will be using their fund to rebuild the primary school in Carno. Awel Newydd has assisted in setting up a new community fund for the delivery route communities of Castle Caereinion, Carreghofa, Llanymynech & Pant, Llandrinio & Arddleen, Llandysilio, Llanfair Caereinion and Welshpool. They are now accepting applications for the first round with a deadline of May 31.

Application queries for each community fund should contact Carol Davies via daves1.thecrest@btinternet.com in relation to the Tirgwynt Community Fund delivery routes, Sarah Yeomans at yeomans.ranch@btinternet.com in Dwyriw and Alan Humphreys on carnocouncil@btinternet.co.uk, in relation to Carno.



Wind farm companies are offering communities affected by their work a share of a £50,000 fund

## Top schools role is filled at authority

A LOCAL government officer has been appointed director of education for Powys County Council.

Ian Budd is currently with Flintshire County Council and will take up his new post in the summer.

The role of director of education has been undertaken by the council's chief executive since 2012, with support from Ceredigion County Council. The move, which was a temporary measure, followed an inspection of the education authority by Estyn. Last November the cabinet announced it intended strengthening its school services by appointing a director. Jeremy Patterson, chief executive, said: "We have been extremely fortunate to appoint a candidate of Ian's calibre as director of education for Powys. He is a highly experienced and well qualified officer who has worked at the highest levels, both in England and Wales and will be a valuable addition to the council's school services."

Mr Budd said: "I am looking forward to working with colleagues and partners to secure the best possible provision and outcomes for learners, equipping young people with the skills they need for their future."

## Council confirms deal for building

A WELSH Government building has been snapped up by Powys County Council to add to its commercial estate.

The council confirmed it has added Ladywell House in Newtown to its portfolio. The council says it will invest in the property over the next two years to ensure it is modernised and provides fit-for-purpose office accommodation for current and future tenants.

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## Advice on home safety to be given

HELP and advice about keeping safe in the home will come under the spotlight at an event.

Shropshire Council will hold a Home Safe Home event for people living in and around Oswestry on May 10, from 10am until 2pm.

The event, at The Centre in Oak Street in the town, will cover the range of support that is available for people to help them stay independent in their own home for longer. There will also be safety advice and information about community support on hand so people can enjoy active and rewarding social lives.

Steve Latham-White, the community service enablement officer for Oswestry, said: "The main focus will be on the ageing population as this is the area most in need of support."

"Too many people struggle at home unaware that with a small bit of equipment their lives can be transformed."

"Social isolation is another concern that can have detrimental impact on health and wellbeing."

## Roadworks lead to delay warning

MOTORISTS are facing delays as traffic lights are in place for roadworks associated with a new housing development.

The two-way traffic lights will be in place outside the old Richard Burbridge site on Unicorn Road in Oswestry until Friday next week.

Evans Construction is carrying out the work to allow foul and storm water drainage connection works for the new housing development, comprising 53 homes, being built at Unicorn Road/Whittington Road.

The traffic lights from Unicorn Road, lead onto one of the busiest gateways into town - Whittington Road - meaning motorists are encountering traffic delays during peak times.

# Group of accused men cleared of rape claims

Report by Naomi Penrose

**A GROUP of men who were alleged to have passed around a girl and raped her in the back of vehicles have all been cleared.**

The prosecution had alleged that the girl was abused between the ages of 13 and 17 after she had been identified as vulnerable. She refused to give evidence at Mold Crown Court.

The case against the six men was adjourned for several days but then the prosecution offered no evidence against them when the witness made it clear she would not return to testify.

Rocky Evans, 22, of Old Hall Road, Elton, Chester, denied four charges of rape, one charge of sexual assault, and two charges of people trafficking for sexual exploitation; James Dean Evans, 21, of Alvaney View in Elton, faced three charges of rape; Jimmy Dean Holden, 20, of River View caravan park, Tan House Lane, Widnes, faced two rape charges; Silvester Martin Price, 19, of Ascot Close, Albany Park, Oswestry, faced one rape charge; Danny Arthur Roberts, 31, of Park Hall caravan site, Oswestry, faced two rape charges; and Billy Joe Evans, 21, of Park Hall caravan site, Oswestry, faced one rape charge.

All were formally found not guilty.

A second related trial involving the same complainant against eight other men did not get off the ground when the prosecution offered no further evidence against seven of them.

They were also formally found not guilty by the court.

A case against Isaac Lowther, 24, of Little Lane Caravan Park at Goose Green, in Wigan, was adjourned for trial.

But he pleaded guilty to a charge of inciting a child to engage in sexual activity against a second complainant and was jailed.

## Fundraisers help buy new scanner



Consultant Cormac Kelly with the new scanner, surrounded by members of the hospital's league of friends

A CUTTING-edge new scanner has been bought for Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital with the help of its league of friends group.

The Mindray portable ultrasound scanner is a machine which allows visualisation of the soft tissues of the shoulder, benefitting many patients coming into the hospital for treatment.

The fundraisers contributed half of the money for the new piece of kit, which cost more than £7,000. At the

league's last branch meeting, consultant orthopaedic surgeon Cormac Kelly demonstrated the scanner on a member's shoulder.

He said: "It shortens the investigation time for patients, so a prompt diagnosis and treatment at a shoulder clinic can be possible."

"Thanks to the league of friends, we were able to purchase the machine at a very favourable price."

"We expect the scanner to stay in use over the next five years before

the need to update and so should serve many patients during this time."

The scanner can be used by surgeons and therapists in clinic to diagnose injury and inflammation of tendons, often avoiding the need for more expensive investigations such as MRIs.

League of friends chairman Tricia Norris said she appreciated Mr Kelly taking the time to demonstrate the scanner at their meeting.

## Reminder on health help at town's injury unit

PEOPLE are being reminded that there is plenty of help available to treat minor illness and injury over the Easter Holiday weekend - including at Oswestry's minor injuries unit.

Bank Holiday weekends are normally busy for the NHS, especially if people are taking advantage of any good weather by having barbecues or getting around to some DIY.

Health bosses are reminding people that if they do need help, minor injury units can deal with a wide range of conditions. They include cuts and lacerations, fractures that require plaster only, bites, minor burns and scalds, foreign bodies in the eyes, nose and ears, minor head injuries, soft tissue injuries such as sprains and bruises and wound infections.

Pharmacies can also help with a range of common conditions and minor injuries, such as aches and pains, cystitis, colds and skin rashes. They can also help with repeat prescriptions.

Andrew Thomas, head of nursing and quality at Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust, said: "We usually see more people coming to us with minor injuries during holiday periods and long weekends so we would urge people to be careful and know how to get appropriate help or treatment if they need it."

"Visiting your local pharmacy to stock-up on first aid items and over-the-counter remedies such as painkillers is also a good idea, and our minor injury units in Bridgnorth, Ludlow and Oswestry can provide comprehensive care and support over the Bank Holiday period for any minor accidents." Oswestry's minor injuries unit is open tomorrow (Friday) from 8.30am to 6pm and on Saturday from 8.30am to 1pm. On Sunday it will be open from 8.30am to 1pm and on Monday it will be open from 8.30am to 6pm.

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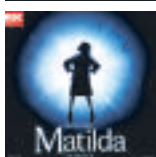
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# Formby tales told at club's charter celebrations



Ian Haigh, John Croft, Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner, David Davies and district governor Molly Youd

OVER 90 people attended the Rotary Club of Oswestry's Charter night when the group's members and guests from around the district came together for a dinner to celebrate the 88th anniversary of the founding of the club.

The club president Ian Haigh welcomed everyone to the evening, in particular Molly Youd, the district's first female rotary district governor, and the evening's guest speaker John Croft.

After the meal, Mr Croft entertained the

audience by recounting stories drawn from his lifelong interest in George Formby focusing on the complex relationship with his wife the formidable Beryl Ingham.

The audience found it incredible that at one time George had been the biggest earning film star in the world.

The audience was told George and Beryl were a complex team, not only was Beryl George's manager, putting together great deals for him, but she was also crucial to his performances.

The pair travelled everywhere together – even war zones to entertain the troops.

Mr Croft brought his slot to a close with a well-received performance of a medley from the George Formby songbook which he accompanied on his own ukulele-banjo.

Mr Haigh was delighted to be able to announce that the Oswestry club had committed £500 to join with the Rotary Club of Northwich Vale Royal and the local Mombasa Bahari Club Rotary Club to progress a Global Grant Project

in partnership with the UK registered charity Under The Mango Tree.

The project will support education and provide clean water to benefit Kambe Timboni Nursery and Primary school in Kenya. In the final event of the evening, and a surprise to the recipient, District Governor Molly Youd awarded Rotarian Peter Hill with a Paul Harris Fellowship to recognise his outstanding service to rotary since he joined the Rotary Club of Caterham in 1994.



Oswestry School's Interact Club members attended the celebrations

## Bake-off will mark college's special year

A COLLEGE is celebrating its milestone birthday with a charity fundraising bake-off competition.

The Derwen College in Gobowen is celebrating nine decades since it first opened and is joining forces with Hope House Children's Hospice which is in its 21st year.

The event will take place at the college food centre on Friday next week between 10am and 1pm, with judging at 1.30pm.

After judging, the cakes will be sold in the college's popular restaurant, The Orangery.

The event took its inspiration from the popular television series on BBC One hosted by Mel Giedroyc and Sue Perkins with 12 contestants baking in a bid to impress judges Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood. As well as the open competition there will also be a live final involving six competitors, three from the college and three from Hope House.

All prizes and ingredients have been supplied by Sainsbury's in Oswestry which is handing over its charity of the year from Derwen College to Hope House.

Lynsey Kilvert, area fundraiser for Hope House, said: "We are thrilled to have been invited to take part in the birthday bake-off with Derwen College."

"A huge thank you to Sainsbury's for supporting both charities over the past couple of years and for supporting this event."

"Hope House currently needs to raise around £6.3 million every year, that's well over £100,000 every week to make sure we can carry on being there for all the children and families who need us. Around 80 per cent of the monies we need comes from support within the community."

## Awards need nominations

ORGANISERS of an annual sports awards are calling for nominations ahead of the awards presentation.

This year's Oswestry Sports Awards 2017 will be presented on May 12.

It will be held at Oswestry Cricket Club.

The guest speaker this year will be Rio Paralympic Medalist, Nick Beighton, organisers have said.

The awards are a chance for star performers and volunteers across all local sports, to be recognised and celebrated.

Oswestry Sports Forum will host the awards evening and is now inviting nominations for the six awards.

The awards include disability sport award, junior team award, veteran sport award, contribution to sport award, coach of the year and outstanding performance award.

The awards are open to anyone who lives, trains or volunteers for sport in Oswestry and the area of Shropshire within a 10 mile radius of Oswestry.

The closing date for nominations is Monday.

To nominate a club colleague, friend or neighbour, download a nomination form from [www.oswestrysportsforum.org.uk](http://www.oswestrysportsforum.org.uk) and send it to the Oswestry Sports Forum secretary. For more details call (01939) 260308.

## Charity opens up a new shop

A CHARITY has opened its third furniture shop in Shropshire.

Age UK Shropshire Telford & Wrekin held a grand opening event to mark the opening of its new charity furniture shop in Oswestry. The shop on Smithfield Street aims to serve the community with high quality, second-hand furniture, while at the same time raising vital funds to support older people across Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin. To celebrate the opening of the charity's new shop in Oswestry, Mayor Paul Milner, came along to cut the ribbon.

Heather Osborne, chief executive of Age UK STW, said: "We are delighted to have opened our furniture shop in Oswestry and it is proving to be very popular with people."

The shop is open six days a week, Monday to Saturday, from 9.30am to 4.30pm. Anyone who would like to donate furniture or to volunteer in the new shop, should get in touch by calling (01952) 872020.

# Good causes benefit from tree of light funds scheme



Lingen Davies fundraising manager Louise Dawson, Mike Jones, fundraising officer Jane Trudgill, Ian Haigh and Mark Liquorish



At the Riding for the Disabled presentation were Denzil Ellis, Clare Bellison, Mike Jones, Helen Lindstrand, Ian Haigh and Natalie Sheehy

### Report by Naomi Penrose

**MEMBERS of Oswestry Rotary Club have been out and about presenting donations to good causes.**

The donations have come from the club's successful Tree of Light campaign.

Among the groups to benefit was Oswestry & District Stroke Club. Receiving the cheque, stroke club president Mike Garratt said: "The rotary club does wonderful work and gives support to many different charities. It is very much appreciated and helps us no end." Rotarians Denzil Ellis, Mike Jones and Ian Haigh attended the presentation.

A donation was also given to the Marches Riding for the Disabled Association group. The group meets at Penycroft Stables, Pant on a Thursday morning during term time. Volunteer Clare Bellison said: "It is recognised that there are significant therapeutic physical benefits for disabled riders and they also make friends in the group."

A donation was given to the Severn Hospice in Shrewsbury.

Lucy Ruff, from Severn Hospice, said: "As an independent charity we must raise two thirds of our running costs, around £7 million each year, which is only possible thanks to the generous support we receive from the communities we serve."

The final presentation in Shrewsbury was to the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund.

"Since 1979 the charity has contributed the equivalent of £18 million in today's prices to improve cancer services in the local area" said fundraising manager Louise Dawson.

"Around 75,000 people have had their cancer treatment and care improved through the impact of the fund."



Rotarians Mark Liquorish, Ian Haigh and Mike Jones with Severn Hospice's Lucy Ruff



Oswestry Stroke Club's Mike Garratt receives the cheque from rotarians Denzil Ellis, Mike Jones and Ian Haigh



## Walk organised in tribute to saint

THE Friends of the Montgomery Canal group has organised a St George's Day Walk for April 23.

Freda Davies from the group said: "Join us for our St George's Day Walk in the beautiful Shropshire countryside incorporating a visit to St Winifred's Well. Meet in the car park opposite Queen's Head pub (SY11 4EB) at 10am for a 10.15am start.

"The walk will take approximately two to two and half hours and will be on the towpath, fields and lanes therefore please expect some muddy parts but also good surfaces. There are also some stiles to be negotiated. Lunch will be available at the end, chargeable, should you wish to join us.

"Please contact Christine Palin - christinepalin@btinternet.com - before April 21 if you would like to attend in order to assist with catering."

## Circular walk lined up for ramble fans

THE Welshpool Ramblers' walk on Sunday will be a 6.75 mile circular one led by Geoff Reed.

The route will follow Glyndwr's Way from Meifod to Pontrobert, returning by a more northerly route.

The start will be from the village hall car park in Meifod (OS grid ref. SJ 154133) at 9.30am.

All are welcome but no dogs allowed. Meet at 9am in the car park beside the Welshpool Tourist Information Centre (OS grid ref. SJ 226076), from where transport may be available, or at the start of the walk.

For further information about the walk or the group people can call (01938) 571114.

The Welshpool Ramblers' walk on April 2 was a five-mile linear one along the coastal path from Borth to Aberystwyth led by Gwyneth Prosser.

Those walking regularly with the Welshpool group were joined by some of the Aberystwyth Ramblers to make a party of 14.

# Candidates throw their hats into the ring for seats on councils

## NOMINATIONS have closed for the local government elections set to take place next month.

In Shropshire there are 74 seats spread across 63 divisions.

Voting will be held at locations around the county including village halls, schools and churches. The poll will be taken on May 4 between 7am and 10pm.

The candidates for Gobowen, Selatyn and Weston Rhyn are Craig David Emery (Lab); Stephen James Froggatt (Green); Paul Herbert (Green); Thomas Mark Jones (Con); Robert John Macey (Con); Jack Roberts (Lab) and Henry John Stevens (Lib Dem).

Candidates for Llanymynech are Matt Lee (Con), Olly Rose (Green) and John Alexander Thornton (Lib Dem).

The candidates for Oswestry East are Clare Victoria Aspinall (Con); David Matthew Bennett (Green); Lee Kelvin Bennett (Lib Dem); Martin Bennett (Ind); Peter Alun Cherrington (Ind); Carl Hopley (Lab); Mike Isherwood (Green); John William Price (Con) and Amanda Jane Woolf (Lib Dem). It is a two-way battle in Oswestry South between Duncan Kerr (Green) and David Paul Milner (Con).

And it is a three-way battle in Oswestry West between Barry John Edwards (Green); Romer Wilfred Hoseason (Lib Dem) and Vince Hunt (Con).

Candidates in Ruyton & Baschurch are Nick Bardsley (Con); Graeme Roger Currie (Lab); Alex Jones (Lib Dem) and Robert John Jones (Fed).

The two candidates in St Martins are Steve Davenport (Con) and Neil Graham (Lab) while the candidates in St Oswald are Joyce Bernadette Barrow (Con) and Len Evans (Ind).

In Whittington the candidates are Steve Charmley (Con); Edward David Goff (Green); Christopher Lee Jones (Ind) and David Walker (Lib Dem).



Candidates are hoping to seal a seat at Shirehall in Shrewsbury in the forthcoming local elections

Elections to town and parish councils will also be held on the same day.

There will also be elections for Powys County Council and to town and community councils in the region.

Once the nominations closed, it was clear battles would be held in 56 of the county council's 73 wards, with 16 uncontested with candidates already returned unopposed.

Among the candidates in Powys are Myfanwy Alexander (Ind) and Dafydd Lewis (Plaid) who will be battling for the Banwy ward.

In Berriew the candidates are Phil Bettley (Welsh Con), Alan Burch (Welsh Lib Dem) and Dai Davies (Ind) while Gareth Pugh (Welsh Con) and Leon Shearer (Ind) are the candidates for Dolforwyn.

In Forden the candidates are Gwyneth Bird (Welsh Con) and Linda Corfield (Ind) and in Guilsfield the

candidates are Ian Harrison (Welsh Con); David Jones (Ind) and Jennifer Pratt (Welsh Lib Dem).

In Llandrinio the candidates are Dave Edwards (Welsh Lib Dem) and Lucy Roberts (Welsh Con) while in Llandysilio the candidate is Mat Edwards (Welsh Con) and Evan Jones (Ind) and in Llanfair Caereinion the candidates are Gareth Jones (Ind) and Jennifer Trythall (Wales Green).

The candidates for Llanfihangel are Pamela James (Ind); Emyr Jones (Ind); Gary Northeast (Plaid) and Nick Powell (Welsh Con) while in Llanfyllin the candidates are Richard Chaloner (Wales Green) and Peter Lewis (Welsh Con).

In Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant/Llansilin the candidates are Aled Davies (Welsh Con) and Steve Jones (Wales Green) while in Llansantffraid the candidates are Berwyn Davies (Ind),

Christopher Richards (Welsh Lib Dem) and Gwynfor Thomas (Welsh Con). Candidates for Llanwddyn are Simon Baynes (Welsh Con); Bryn Davies (Plaid); Jenny Matthews (Wales Green) and Darren Mayor (Ind) while in Montgomery the candidates are Stephen Hayes (Ind) and Jeremy Thorp (Wales Green).

Candidates in Trewern are Jessica Bradley (Ind) and Amanda Jenner (Welsh Con) while candidates in Welshpool Castle are Richard Church (Welsh Lib Dem); Desmond Parkinson (Welsh Con) and Philip Pritchard (Ind). Candidates for Welshpool Gungrog are Ruth Canning (Welsh Con); Francesca Jump (Welsh Lib Dem); Stephen Kaye (-) and David Senior (Plaid). Candidates for Welshpool Llanerchydol are Graham Breeze (Ind) and Folkert Veenstra (Welsh Lib Dem).

## Uncontested wards raise vote worries

PARTS of Powys have been branded 'democracy deserts' with warnings that voters are being denied a voice.

A total of 17 councillors have been elected unopposed - including one ward where no candidates have put themselves forward.

The Electoral Reform Society has estimated that 23,723 residents in the county will be denied the vote in this year's council elections on May 4. Powys County Council has 73 wards with 56 being contested, while 16 are uncontested with candidates returned unopposed and one not receiving any nominations. Among the uncontested wards are Churchstoke, Meifod, Machynlleth and Newtown East. The seat in Newtown East will be filled by Councillor Joy Jones, who has represented the ward since 2012.

She said: "As long as you're doing the job and getting on and doing the work then I don't think it matters if you're in an uncontested seat.

"The fact that mine's uncontested is that other people said because I'd been working so hard they knew I'd be doing the job.

"It's up to the people not up to me. It's up to them and whoever wants to stand."

Meanwhile, more than 1,000 voters in the village of Cradoc and its neighbouring communities north of Brecon will be unrepresented when councillors first meet after May 4.

Nominations will then have to be reopened and a fresh attempt made to drum up some interest in representing Ysyr ward. Jess Blair, director of Electoral Reform Society Cymru, claimed the situation was undemocratic. She said: "Local elections are one of the main opportunities for voters to have our say over services that affect our everyday lives. But with nearly 24,000 people across Powys - and nearly 130,000 across Wales - have no choice at the upcoming elections, that opportunity is being taken away for many of us. Welsh residents are being denied a voice - to the detriment of our democracy and our services."

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# Club told of canal opening ambition



Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner, Michael Limbrey, Cheryl Blount-Powell and Brian Savage at the club meeting

**BARGES** could be travelling the whole 35 miles from Maesbury to Newtown in as little as 12 years time, Michael Limbrey the chairman of the Montgomery Waterways Restoration Trust, revealed to members of Oswestry 41 Club.

He and chartered surveyor Cheryl Blount-Powell, the senior development manager of Canal

and Rivers Trust, who both live in Oswestry, gave an impressive update of exciting developments to prove the canal network was 'on the up' after decades of decay.

Michael Limbrey stressed: "I am hopeful we can overcome all problems, which we refer to as challenges, by 2029," at a presentation dinner in Sweeney Hall Hotel. He emphasised the Montgomery Canal which runs from Welsh Frankton to Newtown, via Maesbury, and is soon to be reopened to Crickheath Wharf, was all about

creating new water space for the growing demand from people seeking solace on the centuries old canal system.

Mr Limbrey moved to Shropshire four years ago and immersed himself in what he termed "one of the most picturesque canals in the United Kingdom". He added: "We have a dedicated group of volunteers who are well versed with the heavy machinery we have to use to remove decades of decay." Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner attended the meeting as did chairman Brian Savage.

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**It's a big task that can be daunting due to the expense and stress involved.**

But there are ways to save yourselves a small fortune when renovating your home.

Money saving website Promotionalcodes.org.uk has published 12 of the best hacks to save cash while undertaking DIY over Easter. Some of the ideas on the list include small innovative tasks, like making lamps, to much larger scale projects that will save hundreds of pounds on ready-made furniture.

Not all the suggestions are for interiors as many of the hacks will help home owners prepare for summer on the cheap, including ideas for decking and patio furniture.

A spokesman for PromotionalCodes.org.uk said: "Usually, buying furniture for your home can set you back hundreds if not thousands of pounds.

"But with a toolbox and a bit of elbow grease, you'll find that it can be easy to build your home interior yourself.

"It's always tempting to throw out old bits of wood and furniture to de-clutter, but you might find you're able to turn these discarded items into something creative."

There are many hints available to reduce expense and stress.

Using old pallets or reclaimed wood to make your decking is easier than it sounds, and saves you a bundle of having to call in professional



**You can make clocks out of all sorts of items, including plastic spoons**

contractors. Try attaching a working light bulb through an old bottle for a great standing lamp, or hang a bulb from a supported tree branch to create something more rustic. Or you can make your own clock. Another simple and fun idea that, once you have the clocks' hands and motor, gives you a number of creative possibilities. Any old records you have lying around will make a perfect fit, but you really can make one out of anything.

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It is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at offers in excess of £250,000 with no chain. The property is a short walk from the centre of the village and all amenities. The spacious accommodation comprises an entrance hall, a lounge, a dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility and ground floor shower room whilst on the first floor there are three double bedrooms, (one en-suite), and a separate family bathroom. Oil central heating is installed throughout. Outside the property stands in large lawned gardens and has ample off road parking together with a single garage. To the rear there is a concrete shed and former pig sties.

The property is situated in the picturesque village of Llanrhaeadr in the stunning Berwyn Mountains. The village itself offers a good range of local amenities including an excellent primary school, grocery stores, newsagents, doctors surgery, dental clinic, hotel and several public houses. Llanrhaeadr is also home to the highest single drop waterfall in the country. The property is approached through a metal gate over a pathway leading to an entrance porch. The entrance hallway has stairs to the first floor, an under-stairs storage cupboard and an old Bakelite private telephone system which dates back to when Rhiwlas was part of a network of houses owned by the Liverpool Corporation.

The lounge has a brick inglenook fireplace with a log burning stove and a beam over. The dining room has an open fire with a tiled surround.

The kitchen/breakfast room has a range of matching base units and eye level wall cupboards, worktop over and tiled surrounds. There is a fitted electric oven and hob with extractor fan over, beamed ceiling and a door to the porch with a door to the rear garden and a further one to the utility room. This has space and plumbing for a washing machine, tiled flooring and an exposed stone wall. It also has a door to the shower room. Upstairs, bedrooms one and two have stripped floorboards. Bedroom three has exposed stone walls and an en-suite shower room with part tiled walls and tiled flooring.

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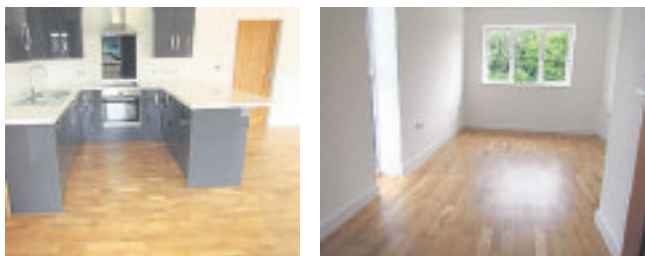
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**TREFLACH**

- Well Appointed Detached Bungalow Occupying Semi-Rural Location
- GFCH & DG
- Reception Hall
- Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Conservatory/Dining Room
- Fully Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Adjoining Garage
- Good Sized Well Maintained Garden Plot
- EPC Band - E

JJD940

**GUIDE PRICE £195,000**

**OSWESTRY**

**SOLD**

- Two Bed. Detached Bungalow In Need Of Rebuildishment
- Located In Popular Residential Area
- Reception Hall
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Off Street Parking
- Good Sized Plot
- EPC Band -

JJD962

**GUIDE PRICE £125,000**

**CHIRK BANK**

- Modern Det. House occupying attractive location overlooking fields
- Entrance Hall
- Living Room
- Kitchen Diner
- Utility And Cloakroom
- Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage And Double Driveway
- Rear Garden
- Open Rear/Side Aspect
- EPC Band - C

JJD951

**GUIDE PRICE £195,000**

**OSWESTRY**

- Four Bed. Period Town Property
- Dining Room And Lounge
- Kitchen And Utility
- Cloakroom And Snug
- Office Area And Snooker Room
- Second Floor Apartment
- Separate Ground Floor Bungalow
- Good Sized Rear Garden With Patio Area
- EPC Band - C

JJD923

**GUIDE PRICE £475,000**

**PANT**

Individually designed highly appointed three bed detached house

- O/F C/H, D/G
- Lounge & Study
- Breakfast Kitchen & Utility
- Sun Room
- Bathroom & En-Suite
- Children's Play Room/ Fourth Bedroom
- Garage & Car Parking
- Extensive Views
- EPC Band C

JJD782

**£420,000**

**OVERTON ROAD, NR. ST. MARTINS**

- Spacious Detached Character Cottage
- Set Within Extensive Grounds
- Reception Hall
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility And Cloakroom
- Large Living Room
- Four Bedrooms (One En-Suite)
- Parking For Up To 6 Cars
- Large Garage
- Workshop/Annex
- EPC Band -

JJD953

**GUIDE PRICE £445,000**

**OSWESTRY**

- Mid Terraced Cottage Within Easy Walking Distance Of Town Centre
- GFCH Part UPVC DG
- Living Room
- Galley Kitchen/Dining Area
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- On-Street Parking
- Garage, Adjoining Workshop
- Long Rear Garden
- EPC Band - D

JJD943

**GUIDE PRICE - £127,000**

**OSWESTRY**

**NEW PRICE**

- For Sale By Informal Tender
- Excellent Shop/ Restaurant/Take Away Premises
- Occupying Busy Trading Position
- A3 Planning Consent
- 456 sq. ft.
- Two Toilets
- Store Cupboard
- EPC Band - Awaited
- Tenders To Be Submitted To Agents By 5th. May 2017

JJD080

**GUIDE PRICE £35,000**

**OSWESTRY - TO LET**

- Excellent Bar/Restaurant Premises
- Occupying Busy Trading Position
- Short Distance From Major Retailers And Institutions
- Covered Porch
- Reception Area
- Beer Cellar And Bar Area
- Kitchen And Lounge
- Function Room
- Male/Female/Disabled Toilets
- EPC Band - Awaited

JJD091

**PRICE ON APPLICATION**

**TREFONEN - TO LET**

**NEW**

Semi-Det. Bungalow Occupying Central Village Location

- Reception Hall
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Off Street Parking And Garaging
- EPC Band -
- Rent £550 pcm. Deposit £550
- Agreement - £150 plus VAT.
- Character/Employment References Required.

JJD093

**PCM £550**

**OSWESTRY**

**NEW**

- Valuable Residential Building Plot With Access Off English Gardens/Morda Close
- Extending To Approx. Half An Acre
- Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town
- Detailed P/Permission For Detached Executive Bungalow With Double Garage
- Full P/Permission
- No Community Infrastructure Levy

JJD958

**GUIDE PRICE £195,000**

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£78,000

## OSWESTRY



- Spacious Three Bedroom
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- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Off-Road Parking
- Well Maintained Throughout

Offers in the region of £145,000

## LODGEVALE PARK, CHIRK



- NO CHAIN!!
- Modern Semi Detached
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- Off Road Parking
- Gas Central Heating

£145,000

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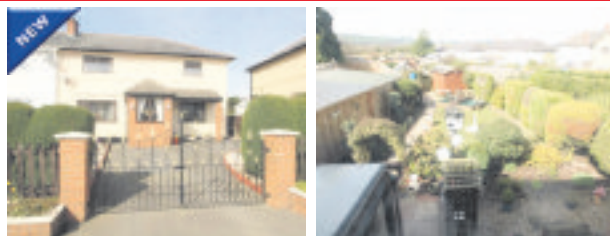


- Spacious Three Bedroom
- Family Home
- Sought After Location
- Well Maintained Throughout
- Conservatory

- Private/Secure Rear Garden
- Double Driveway
- Garage
- Gas Central Heating
- uPVC Double Glazing

£161,500

## ST MARTINS



- Three Bedroom
- Semi-Detached
- Large Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory

£165,000

## OSWESTRY



- Three Bedroom Home
- Link-Detached
- Garage & Parking
- Outskirts of Oswestry
- Landscaped Gardens
- Gas Central Heating
- uPVC Double Glazing

£189,950

## WESTON RHYN



- Spacious Family Home
- Detached
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Four Bedrooms one En-suite
- Well Maintained Throughout
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Ample Off-Road Parking

£220,000

## ST MARTINS



- Immaculately Presented
- Private Village Location
- Three Bedroom
- Master Ensuite
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- Amazing Views
- Well Maintained
- Garage and Parking
- Two Double Bedrooms
- A Must See Property

£299,950

## PENTRE, CHIRK



- Immaculately Presented
- Semi Rural Location
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Four En-Suites
- Oil Fired Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Private Rear Gardens
- Home Office/Studio
- Close to Amenities

Offers in the region of £335,000

## ST MARTINS



- Executive Four Bedroom
- Detached Family Home
- Two En-Suites
- Bathroom
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Double Garage
- Off-Road Parking
- Landscaped Garden
- Close to Local Amenities

£365,000

## OSWESTRY



- Superb Executive Detached
- Seven Bedrooms
- Spacious Accommodation
- Private Rear Gardens
- Detached Double Garage
- Immaculate Interiors
- Countryside Walks Nearby
- A MUST SEE PROPERTY!!

£420,000





## Victorian end of terrace home is well maintained

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**£167,500**

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The property is warmed by gas central heating and double glazing. To the outside is a garage, a small front garden, a private side garden and a rear yard with storage a shed. Number 74 is conveniently located and within walking distance of Oswestry town centre which has an abundance of local amenities including schools and leisure facilities.

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**NEW**




**Station Road  
Llanymynech** £174,995

- A 2/3 Bedroom Semi-Detached House with stunning rear views and paddock
- Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Utility, Cloakroom
- Dining Room/Bedroom 3/ Lounge and Rear Porch
- 2 good size Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom
- Bathrooms
- Excellent front and rear gardens together with enclosed paddock
- Ample off road parking and garage
- Oil central heating and partial secondary glazing
- NO CHAIN

**NEW**




**Trefonen Road  
Oswestry** £325,000

- Superb Detached Family Residence situated in one of Oswestry's premier locations
- Views over Maes Y Lan Playing Fields and the Shropshire Plain beyond
- Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen with large Dining Area
- Utility, Cloakroom and Dining Room
- Bedroom 4
- 3 excellent Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room and Luxury Bathroom
- Good size plot with front & rear gardens, ample off road parking and garage
- Gas central heating and double glazing. EPC Rating D. NO CHAIN

**NEW**




**Balmoral Crescent  
Oswestry** £234,995

- Spacious and well appointed 5 Bedroom Detached House with Annex accommodation
- Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Dining Room
- 5 first floor Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Annex accommodation comprises:
- Living Rm, Bedrm & Shower Rm
- Large patio with covered seating area with lawn garden beyond
- Tarmac driveway to the fore provides ample off road parking
- Gas central heating and double glazing



**Vyrnwy Place  
Oswestry** £79,950

- Well presented 1 Bed Leasehold Ground Floor Apartment
- Ent Hall, Kitchen, Lounge
- Bedroom and Bathroom
- Own garden and garage
- D/G and electric storage heaters
- An EnviroVent ventilation system
- EPC Rating F (31). NO CHAIN

**NEW**




**Ashlands Road  
Weston Rhyn** £114,995

- THIS PROPERTY CAN BE PURCHASED ON A 50% SHARED OWNERSHIP BASIS OR AS A WHOLE
- A well presented 2 Bedroom Modern House
- Living Room, Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Front and rear gardens
- Off road parking for 2 vehicles.
- Gas central heating and uPVC double glazing
- EPC Rating B - 82

**NEW**




**York Street  
Oswestry** £114,995

- A well presented and conveniently positioned 2 Bedroom Mid-Terraced Property
- Entrance Hall, Lounge/Dining Room and Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom
- Enclosed rear yard with useful storage shed
- Gas central heating and uPVC double glazed windows
- EPC Rating. NO CHAIN

**NEW**




**Prince Street  
Oswestry** £91,995

- A well presented 2 Bedroom Mid-Terrace House
- Lounge, Dining Room and Kitchen
- 2 double Bedrooms and a Bathroom.
- Gated off road parking
- Double glazing and gas central heating
- An Ideal First Time or Investment Purchase.
- NO CHAIN. EPC RatingD (64)



**Plough Bank  
Weston Rhyn** £119,995

- Well maintained & deceptively spacious
- 2 Bedroom Mid Terrace Property
- Ent Hall/Study, Lounge and Kitchen
- 2 good size Bedrooms & Bathroom
- Enclosed front & rear gardens
- Additional parking to rear
- Gas C/H & D/G. EPC Rating C (70)




**Elm Tree Park  
Llanymynech** £359,995

- ONLY ONE PLOT REMAINING
- PART EXCHANGE AVAILABLE
- LAST CHANCE TO BUY ON THIS EXCLUSIVE EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT
- HIGH SPECIFICATION FINISH
- TIMBER FRAMED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSES
- DOUBLE GARAGE




**Berwyn Avenue  
Chirk Bank** £215,000

- A spacious and well positioned 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Situated in the popular hamlet of Chirk Bank
- The property is situated on a good size plot
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen
- 2 Double Bedrooms, a Single Bedroom & Family Bathroom
- Driveway and garage to the fore and large rear garden
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- NO CHAIN




**Hafod Close  
Oswestry** £255,000

- A spacious and well appointed 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Cloakroom, 3 Bedrooms and Wet Room
- Well presented gardens and views towards open countryside
- A driveway to the side of the property and single garage
- Gas central heating and double glazing.
- EPC Rating D (68). NO CHAIN



**Castle Street  
Oswestry** £98,000

- Spacious 2 Bed End Terrace Hse
- Contains a host of original features
- Ent Hall, Living Room and Kitchen
- 2 good size Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Additional Attic Room
- Slabbed area to the front.
- Gas C/H & D/G. EPC Rating NO CHAIN




**Oakwood Grange  
Morda** £249,950

- BRAND NEW - Oakwood Grange is a small residential development on the edge of the popular village of Morda being just over 1 mile from the market town of Oswestry.
- There are only two spacious 4 bedroom detached houses with garage available
- Open plan Lounge/Kitchen, Utility, Cloakroom
- 4 Bedrooms (master en-suite) & Family Bathroom
- The property stands in large lawned gardens
- Gas central heating and double glazing will be installed as standard
- All properties will be completed to the highest specification and will have the benefit of a 10 year warranty.




**Oak Street  
Oswestry** £114,950

- A superbly presented and spacious
- 2 Bedroom End-Terrace House
- Retaining many character features including original fireplaces
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Dining Room & Kitchen
- 2 Double Bedrooms and a Bathroom
- Walled gravelled rear garden with patio
- Gas C/H, D/G. EPC Rating E (40)




**Church View  
Hadnall** £345,000

- BRAND NEW 4 Bedroom Detached Family Home with Integral Garage
- Open plan Kitchen/Diner, Utility Room.
- Spacious Living room with bay window and Cloakroom.
- Master Bedroom with fitted wardrobes and En-suite.
- Three further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden, Integral Garages and Driveway.
- PART EXCHANGE OR HELP TO BUY IS AVAILABLE (Help to Buy Price £276,000)



**Regent Court  
Oswestry** £120,000

- Well appointed 2 Bed 1st Flr Apartment
- Living/Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms (master en-suite)
- Sep Shower Rm, Secure car parking
- 24 hour resident secretary, communal lounge & garden
- Security entrance system
- EPC Rating C '71'




**Llanrhaeadr YM** £250,000

- NO CHAIN - An idyllic Detached Country Cottage set in an elevated position
- With outstanding views over the Tanat Hills and surrounding countryside
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Utility and ground floor Shower Room
- 3 Double Bedrooms (1 en-suite) and a separate Family Bathroom
- The property stands in large lawned gardens
- Ample off road parking together with a single garage
- Concrete shed and former pig sty
- Oil central heating is installed throughout





**Queen's Head  
Oswestry** £470,000

- Little Wootton Barn is a beautifully presented L shaped Barn Conversion
- Spacious, well laid out accommodation situated in delightful landscaped grounds.
- Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Breakfast Room, Dining/Drawing Room
- Cloakroom, Master Bedroom (en-suite) 4 Bedrooms
- 2 Bath/Shower Rooms and Study.
- Double garages together with ample off road parking
- EPC Rating E (31). NO CHAIN




**Ardmillan Close, Oswestry** £314,995

- Rare opportunity to purchase a 3 Bedroom Detached House with a self contained 2 Bed Annex
- The main house accommodation: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Rear Hall, Utility & Cloaks, 3 Double Bedrooms, Bathrm & Separate Shower Rm
- The annex accommodation: Living Room, Kitchen, 2 Beds and Bathroom
- Both having gas central heating and double glazing
- Ample off road parking and garage together with enclosed gardens



**The Meads  
Weston Rhyn** £119,950

- A most delightful and spacious Mid-Terrace House
- Lounge, fitted kitchen/breakfast room
- Three bedrooms and family bathroom
- Newly fitted Gas fired boiler & D/G
- Good sized gardens to front & rear
- Off road parking provision
- EPC Rating C '76'. NO CHAIN




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**Domgay House & Chapel, Four Crosses****£550,000**

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**Tontine Inn, Melverley****£495,000**

Former Public House now affords a large detached residence, well maintained accommodation in a pleasant location. Recently up-graded home or offers an opportunity for B & B. Oil C/H, large sun room, open-plan living/dining room with impressive fireplace. Seven bedrooms all have en-suite bathroom or shower facilities.

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**Pont Y Meibion, Pandy £495,000**

Det Farmhouse with 2.9 acre paddock, 4 beds, oil c/h, d/glazed. Located in the picturesque Ceiriog Valley. Substantial range of two storey stone and slate former agricultural buildings (Grade II Listed), large workshop, open fronted secure implement/vehicle store. EPC=30(F). Further land available by separate negotiation.

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**11 Parc Llwyfen, Llanymynech**

Detached four bedroom house and garage. Two receptions, study, kitchen and utility. Family bathroom and en-suite shower. Gas-fired central heating, double glazing. Enclosed and well maintained rear garden. Pleasant recent established estate. Close to village amenities and A483. EPC Rating = 62 (D)

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**10 High Fawr Close, Oswestry**

Link detached house on popular estate. Three bedrooms. L-shaped living and dining area with dual aspect and rear doors to the garden. Gas c/heating, d/glazing and cavity wall insulation. Attached single garage. Good sized terraced rear garden and sloping garden down off the estate road. EPC Rating = 61 (D)

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**Benvenuti, Morton, Oswestry**

Exceptional detached country home affording some 6,600 sq ft of high quality living accommodation. Individually designed and set within enclosed landscaped gardens which extend to approximately 1.5 acres. Well located a short distance off the A483 with excellent road links via the A5 trunk Road through to the major conurbations of Birmingham, Manchester and Liverpool. Reception hall, generous

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**Holly Cottage, Maesbury**

Detached country cottage overlooking adjoining countryside. Two reception rooms with open fires. Fully fitted kitchen including built-in appliances. Two bedrooms, bathroom and "shower". Double glazed and oil-fired central heating. Gardens and ample on-site parking. Available with no onward chain. EPC Rating = 34 (F)

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●● LOT 1 ●●

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**Queens Head Garages**

Welshpool. Guide: £20,000

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**Hen Dafarn, Sarnau**

Guide Price: £125,000

●● LOT 3 ●●

Detached Property requiring renovation and refurbishment. 2 Receptions, Kitchen. 2 Bedrooms. Dilapidated attached outbuilding. Garden with stream. Located in a rural hamlet within reasonable travelling distances of Welshpool and Oswestry. EPC rating = 4 (G)

Welshpool Office 01938 554818

**18 Penhelig, Aberdyfi**

Guide Price: £129,950

●● LOT 4 ●●

Terrace cottage with stunning views over the Estuary. 1 bedroom accommodation in need of some modernisation. Ideal for holiday let use. Within walking distance to the Penhelig Arms, Yacht club and Aberdyfi's waterside attractions. EPC Rating=54

Tywyn 01654 710388

**1 Glandwr, Talerddig**

Guide Price: £40,000 to £50,000

●● LOT 5 ●●

Semi Detached 2 Bedroom Stone Cottage. Requiring improvement & modernisation. Situated in the heart of Mid Wales. Llanbrynmair 2 miles, Newtown 1.4 miles. Lawned garden backing onto Afon Lane. EPC= G(1)

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**Land South of Trewern House**

Guide Price: £65,000

●● LOT 6 ●●

Useful Accommodation Land. Extending to 7.82 Acres (or thereabouts). Adjoining minor council maintained road.

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**Former Stables & Garage**

Berriew. Guide Price: £15,000

●● LOT 7 ●●

Situated on the banks of the Montgomery Canal in a very picturesque location. Close the village of Berriew which was the Best Kept Village in Montgomeryshire in 2016. Ideal storage/workshop with development potential subject to receiving the necessary consents (interested parties to make their own enquiries etc). Built of brick with slated roof.

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**Welshpool Social Club**

Guide Price: £80,000

●● LOT 8 ●●

Prominent Social Club within the town. Large Bar with seating. Spacious Function Room with stage. Dining Room and Kitchen. Snooker Room, Ground Floor Cellar. Parking to front. Brick built in the mid 1960's. Suitable for a variety of purposes subject to planning. EPC rating = 74.

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# We'll put the 'pop' back in pop music

**W**ant to feel old? It's been 20 years since Steps released their disco-tastic debut – and now they're back to celebrate. And despite the two decades in between, The Ticket discovers not much has really changed.

Hit 90s pop group Steps are playing a game. Lisa Scott-Lee and Claire Richards are trying to work out who the Chancellor of the Exchequer was when they formed, almost 20 years ago, in May 1997.

As they confer, a giggling Ian 'H' Watkins, sat behind the pair, slyly tickles their backs. Swatting him away, Claire correctly answers 'Gordon Brown' to the delight of her bandmates, who fall about laughing after H's antics are revealed.

It's just one sign of the affinity and energy retained by the group, who split so acrimoniously at the turn of the millennium, when Claire and H decided they wanted to form a duo.

Since then, of course, things have been patched up, and the band reformed in 2011 for a Sky Living series and a string of concerts. Now, more than five years on, with the exception of 39-year-old Claire, they have all celebrated their 40th birthdays, but that does little to deter their energy and positive affront.

Hauling suitcases and carrying Pret takeaway bags, they bundle into the studio where they're set to have a photo shoot. The five, completed by Lee Latchford-Evans and Faye Tozer, start swapping make-up and hairbrushes and finding plug sockets to charge their phones, giggling and breaking into song before finally taking their seats.

The Ticket catches up with them 24 hours later, after the release of Scared Of The Dark, the lead track from their first album proper in 17 years (they released a Christmas record of largely covers in 2012), and the five some have somehow grown even more excitable.

Taking over the corner of a restaurant in a London hotel, their manager, Adam, looking at his laptop, says, "We're on Vice". The comment is greeted with startled yelps – along with an inquisitive query: "Is that good?!"

## BOMBASTIC

The Vice article declares Scared Of The Dark a 'bombastic, ABBA-referencing pop beast that will most certainly soundtrack someone's post-divorce drinking this year', declaring it 'banger of the month'.

This reaction has come as a complete surprise, says Lee, flanked by mum-of-two Claire, who arrives a little later than her band mates after completing the school run.

"We didn't know how people were going to take it," confesses Lee. "We know fans love the old stuff, it's been proven. But the new material, we thought, 'Oh God, we're from 20 years ago, the charts have changed, how they buy it has changed, how it charts. . .'"

But all that doesn't seem to have mattered. The group recall leaving the BBC in Salford after an interview a day or two before, when staff members lined the glass corridors to catch a glimpse of Steps passing through.

Claire recalls: "There were loads of people asking for photos and autographs, and security told us they had never seen anything like it. They've had Bradley Cooper, Will.i.am and all these really amazing famous people in there, and they said this never happens."

"I don't actually know what is going on!" she adds, laughing.

Although they still aren't quite sure how the charts work (they repeatedly ask about the difference between streaming and buying), they take great delight in following

Step this way – Lisa, H, Lee, Claire and Faye have reformed



Scared Of The Dark's climb on the iTunes Store, and admit they've been sharing positions and updates via their WhatsApp group.

They listened to the song's first play on the radio in the car together – almost 20 years to the day after they gathered to hear their debut release, the now iconic 5, 6, 7, 8.

"It felt like we had started all over again," reflects H. "There were tears, and shivers and camaraderie and love, and it was so amazing. We were together for 5, 6, 7, 8 listening in a van. It feels like déjà vu."

Their WhatsApp group is also what supported the band's relaunch. With all five scattered around the globe now, it meant they could all receive instructions to post the same updates from their social media accounts at the same time.

"I was in Dubai, Faye was in Mexico, H was in Wales, the other two were in London. We were all over the world waiting, pouncing with our phones pressing send," explains Lee.

"It was like, 'Thunderbirds are go!'" H chips in. "It was so exciting."

Probed on why now was right for the band's third coming, the five are adamant it isn't purely a gimmicky return to mark 20 years, but that they want to 'inject pop back into pop music'.

"New music the key for us to have a new energy with Steps," says Faye, "because we couldn't have asked the fans to come and see us again with just the old songs. We were so ready to give them something and I think it has breathed new life into us."

They promise the new record, Tears On The Dancefloor, despite its name, will add some colour and light relief to a 'grey world'.

"I think the world needs a bit of light-hearted fun," says Lee, "Steps always brought that. We've got upbeat music, we like having a great time, we just want the audience to join in with us, forget their worries for a while and just have a bit fun, and that's what we want to bring back."

*There were tears, and shivers and camaraderie and love, it was amazing*

And the album wasn't thrown together, he insists, but was two years in the making, and the band listened to around 50 tracks before settling on the final tracklist.

"We are really protective of us," explains Claire. "Protective of Steps."

"It is ours, it is our legacy and we're always very cautious about doing something that might damage that."

It's clear, behind all the jokes and buoyancy, this is a group who really want this comeback to succeed.

"Do you not think though that music, and fashion, have a 20-year cycle," Faye reasons.

After a pause, an unsure Watkins asks: "Does that mean we'll do this again when we're 60?"

"Oh God, that scares me!" Tozer replies – but perhaps don't bet against it.

● **Tears On The Dancefloor** is out on April 21 while tickets to the Steps UK tour, **Party On The Dancefloor**, are on sale now. Visit [www.stepsofficial.co.uk](http://www.stepsofficial.co.uk). Steps play Barclaycard Arena on December 1.

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# New challenge for popular walk weekend

A WEEKEND of walks that has attracted thousands of visitors over the past three decades has added its biggest challenge yet to this year's calendar.

The Long Walk Home will see a group of adventurers take part in a four-day, 100 kilometre walk, starting with the ascent of Snowdon and finishing with the ascent of Mynydd Myrnyr near Oswestry.

Walkers are being sought to take part in the challenge, which forms part of the Trefonen Hill Walk weekend, to try and

complete the entire 100 kilometres in just one or two days. The event will take place from May 18 to 21.

Organiser Kathryn Francis said: "This is the biggest challenge the annual event has done and combines a physical challenge with beautiful wild walking and fundraising for two amazing causes, Mind Shropshire and Medicines Sans Frontiers.

"Walkers can do the whole four days or just one or two – we just ask for £50 minimum sponsorship or donation for each day that is walked. Food and accommodation will be provided en route – all walkers have to do is walk and

get as much sponsorship as they possibly can. The walk leader is Neil Owen, an experienced adventure training instructor and summer mountain leader who has full insurance through the BMC." Among the walkers will be Nick Elliott and Ed Morris, pictured.

More details are available from [www.trefonen-hillwalk.com/longwalkhome.html](http://www.trefonen-hillwalk.com/longwalkhome.html).

It was Kathryn's parents, Helen and Roger Francis who began the Trefonen Hill Walk in 1988 and every year the event has successfully raised money for charities. The main Trefonen weekend runs from May 19 to 27.



## Coming up

### Plenty going on at picturesque hall

Spring has arrived at picturesque Gregynog Hall at Trefynon near Newtown where there's plenty of activities on offer for all the family.

Gregynog is preparing for a busy Easter, with families expected to explore the gardens on an Easter Bunny Trail from tomorrow (Good Friday) to Monday.

The £5 entry per child includes an Easter gift.

There will also be a chance to discover the history of Gregynog Hall at 2pm on Easter Monday with a guided tour led by librarian Mary Oldham.

Other events lined up include a fashion show by designer boutique L'Amoire, Llanddies for Montgomeryshire Motor Neurone Disease Society on Thursday next week and Gregynog Young Musician of the Year competition on April 22. Easter visitors will also have a chance to explore the Grade I listed gardens and a network of walking trails through the 750-acre Gregynog estate, which is a National Nature Reserve.

Head chef Nick Giddings, pictured, and sous chef Linda Jones have launched new menus for fine dining and the courtyard cafe, offering a mouthwatering modern twist to traditional dishes as well as many old favourites. Both chefs insist on using locally sourced and seasonal ingredients wherever possible.

A product of Bath College, Nick, 41, has spent his cooking career in top restaurants in Bath, Devon and Wales.



### Array of attractions at air show

An exciting array of some of the world's most famous aircraft will be on display at one of the region's most popular air shows, organisers have announced.

The Bob Jones Memorial Air Show will take place on June 11 at Welshpool Airport, and an initial what's on insight has been provided by the organisers, who have revealed that enthusiasts are in for a real treat.

The thousands expected to attend the event this year will be able to take helicopter rides from the air show site, not to mention enjoy a whole host of on-the-ground activities to complement what's happening in the skies above.

Aircraft confirmed so far include BBMF 1 Lancaster Bomber 2 Spitfires, the Red Devils Freefall Team, BAC Strikemaster, the Twister Aerobatics Team, Grob Tutor, Old Buckers, Team Raven, a Gyrocopter, Aviat Husky – with Bob Pooler performing his renowned aerobatic skills, Pitts Special S1-S, Lauren Richardson, and Westland Whirlwind HAR10.

Councillor Chris Davies, chairman of Welshpool Town Council's events and tourism committee, said: "The Bob Jones Memorial Air Show is always an exciting and fun day for the whole family to enjoy and this year will be no exception."

"Added to thrilling and breathtaking displays in the skies, we have the Transport Festival with its wide ranging exhibits of cherished classic and vintage cars, motorbikes, buses and industrial vehicles."



### Group issues very nice invitation

An amateur musical company that has raised thousands of pounds for charity is on the look-out for new members.

The Oswestry-based, Very Nice Production Company is currently rehearsing for its latest production, an all new, comedy musical show that will be unveiled at the Marches School in the autumn.

Tracy Knowles, the VNPC producer, said: "Packed with more laughs than ever, fabulous costumes and a unique and original take on some of the best songs of our time, it will be the perfect, pre-Christmas treat."

All proceeds from the show will go to Hope House Children's Hospice.

"The hospice is finding it harder than ever to meet the rising costs of maintaining one of Oswestry's finest and most precious achievements," Mrs Knowles said.

"As always, the VNPC is constantly on the look-out for new members, whether you are experienced, or just like to sing in the shower. You just need a passion for having fun, dressing up, making new friends and helping us to raise money for wonderful and worthwhile local causes."

She said at the moment new members were needed for singers, from soloists to chorus, and behind the scenes costume and prop making, sound technicians and lighting assistance.

Anyone interested should contact Mrs Knowles at the British Ironwork Centre or leave a voicemail at 07813 853089.



# Two worlds collide in Michael's latest show

The two very different worlds of West End and reality TV are set to join forces to bring a musical theatre-inspired tour to Shropshire and further afield.

West End Story, produced by Michael Jenkins from Gobowen near Oswestry, has already proved a hit in Shrewsbury's Theatre Severn and now it's moving up north for two nights at Manchester's very own Hope Mill Theatre, in Ancoats, before making a return to county town Shrewsbury.

The production will feature a host of musical numbers from everybody's favourite shows, including Miss Saigon, Les Mis, Phantom of the Opera, Footloose and many more.

As well as a live orchestra this production also boasts a headline worthy line-up including TOWIE star, Ricky Rayment, who is making his musical theatre debut in the production, and X-Factor's Sean Smith, one half of the sibling pop duo 'Same Difference'.

Ahead of his musical theatre stage debut, Ricky said: "I've never performed any musical theatre before, although I'm actually a big fan. I've seen lots of West End shows over the years and I'm thrilled to be asked to be part of this production."

As well as reality stars Ricky and Sean, West End Story also features artists from all areas of the UK, including Kat Kleve, who has recently performed in London's West End with 'Once the musical', and Marcus Ayton who up until last year could be seen up and down the country in 'Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat'.

The production runs from April 28-29 at Manchester's Hope Mill Theatre.

Tickets are available through the Hope Mill Theatres website, or by calling (0161) 275 9141.

The show returns to the county at Shrewsbury's Theatre Severn on July 8, with tickets available through Theatre Severn's website or by telephoning (01743) 281281.

Michael Jenkins from Gobowen near Oswestry is the producer of the forthcoming show West End Story



## NOTICE BOARD

\* FIVE of the country's most in-demand contemporary poets have been included on the bill of a Mid Wales poetry festival.

Organisers of the Welshpool Poetry Festival have announced Deborah Alma, James Sheard, Sophie McKeand, Luke Kennard, and Helen Mort as part of the line-up.

The festival launched in 2015 as a one-day event on a Thursday and due to its success it was held over a weekend in June last year. It attracted visitors from across the UK which gave organisers the encouragement to plan a bigger event.

Pat Edwards, one of the organisers, said: "This year, funding from Arts Council Wales and the Mary Hignett Bequest Fund administered by the

Rotary Club of Oswestry, has enabled us to secure five of the most current, in-demand contemporary poets.

"I know these poets have a wide following and that people will love coming to Mid Wales to hear them and to enjoy what Welshpool has to offer.

"The future of the festival depends not just on funding but on local support. We're hoping to involve local businesses again this year by inviting them to display poetry in their windows.

"The introduction of open and children's poetry competitions is also a welcome addition.

"Wouldn't it be great to see Welshpool Poetry Festival take its place alongside the go-to cultural events of the year?"

This year's festival runs from June 9-10.

For more information and tickets, visit [www.welshpoolpoetryfestival.org.uk](http://www.welshpoolpoetryfestival.org.uk).

\* ORGANISERS of an upcoming rummage sale have asked people to hand in any goods they no longer want so they can be sold.

The fundraising sale is taking place at Weston Rhyn Institute, near Oswestry, on April 22.

The sale will have a host of bargains on offer, including clothes, toys and a whole range of bric-a-brac. The event is taking place in aid of the Institute Repair Fund.

The cost is £5 for anyone wanting a table. Entry with a raffle ticket costs £1, plus an extra £1 for tea, coffee and biscuits, while visitors rummage through the goods available.

The sale will run from 10am until noon. Sale organisers ask for no electrical goods to be donated for the sale.

For further details about the fundraising event, contact Ruth Ellis on (01691) 774210, or Angela Bright on (01691) 770016.

\* THE Willow Gallery in Oswestry is about to host its Spring Open exhibition. The exhibition runs from April 22 to May 27.

Organisers say the new exhibition will include paintings, textiles, sculpture and photographs.



# April 15



**Casualty**  
*8.10pm*  
Stan Cullen hopes to escape the tyranny of a bullying boss by burning down a building on a secure construction site. However, he is unaware that his wife Tamzin has the same goal in mind, and happens to be inside the building he has set ablaze. Meanwhile, Cal confronts Sam.



**War of the Worlds**  
*9.45pm*  
A divorced father's rare weekend with his two estranged children descends into horror when alien war machines rise from beneath Earth and begin to systematically destroy every human being in their path. Steven Spielberg's sci-fi thriller, based on HG Wells' novel, with Tom Cruise and Dakota Fanning.



**Operation Magic**  
*6pm*  
Illusionist Richard Jones, who won Britain's Got Talent 2016, delivers a special performance to his former comrades-in-arms in the Army. Jones, who served as a lance corporal with the Parachute Regiment, shows off his unique brand of 'morale-boosting military magic.'



**The Book Thief**  
*6.30pm*  
Premiere. A girl separated from her family is raised by foster parents in Nazi Germany, who instill in her a love of reading. She is horrified by the book burnings and tries to save volumes from the flames. Drama based on Markus Zusak's novel, starring Sophie Nelisse and Emily Watson.



**NCIS**  
*8pm*  
The team looks into a raid on a naval base, and Dr Cyril Taft – the surgeon who saved Gibbs' life – experiences the thrill of assisting on an investigation. Assigned to treat Gibbs' suspect, Taft manages to uncover evidence that may prove crucial to solving the case.

BBC1	
6.00	<b>Breakfast.</b>
10.00	<b>Saturday Kitchen Live.</b> Matt Tebbutt serves as host this weekend.
11.30	<b>Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites.</b> The veteran cook shares a selection of her recipes, and begins by drawing inspiration from childhood trips to the sea, preparing snacks ideal for a picnic. (R)
12.00	<b>Football Focus.</b> Dan Walker and guests review the week's headlines and look ahead to forthcoming fixtures, which include Manchester United v Chelsea in the Premier League on Sunday.
1.00	<b>BBC News;</b> Weather.
1.15	<b>Live Snooker: The World Championship.</b> The afternoon session on day one at the Crucible Theatre, where two more first-round matches get under way, with Ronnie O'Sullivan and Kyren Wilson the seeds in action.
4.30	<b>Final Score.</b> Jason Mohammad presents a round-up of the classified results and this afternoon's news from the Premier League, EFL and Scotland.
5.30	<b>Who Dares Wins.</b> Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject.
6.10	<b>BBC News.</b>
6.20	<b>Midlands Today; Weather.</b>
6.30	<b>Pointless Celebrities.</b> Richard and Chloe Madeley, JB and Chloe Gill, Fern Britton and Grace Jones, and Keavy and Edele Lynch take part in a families-themed edition of the quiz show. Last in the series.
7.20	<b>Doctor Who.</b> New series. Peter Capaldi returns, as a secret mission brings the Time Lord and his sardonic assistant Nardole into contact with a girl with a star in her eye. With Pearl Mackie.
8.10	<b>Casualty.</b> A man turns to arson to bring justice to a bullying boss, unaware that he has placed his own wife in mortal danger. Meanwhile, Jez finds himself in bed with Elle's 17-year-old son.
9.00	<b>All Round to Mrs Brown's.</b> Sue Perkins, Emilia Fox, and Ashley Banjo and his mother Danielle join Agnes Brown in her studio-home for a chat. Includes music by Aston Merrygold.
10.00	<b>BBC News;</b> Weather; <b>National Lottery Update.</b>
10.20	<b>Match of the Day.</b> Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, which include Tottenham Hotspur v Bournemouth at White Hart Lane, and Southampton v Manchester City at St Mary's Stadium. The outcome of these matches could yet prove to be crucial at the end of the season for both Spurs and the Citizens, as they continue to battle for a place in the top four, whereas the Cherries and the Saints seem set for a commendable mid-table finish.
11.45	<b>FILM: Rescue Dawn (2006).</b> Werner Herzog's Vietnam War drama, starring Christian Bale and Steve Zahn.
1.45	<b>Weather for the Week Ahead.</b>
1.50	<b>BBC News.</b>

BBC2	
6.05	<b>FILM: Up Periscope (1959).</b> Second World War naval adventure, with James Garner.
7.55	<b>FILM: The Heroes of Telemark (1965).</b> Norwegian resistance fighters launch a campaign of sabotage to stop occupying Nazi forces developing an atomic bomb. Second World War thriller, with Kirk Douglas and Richard Harris.
10.00	<b>Live Snooker: The World Championship.</b> The opening session on day one at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, featuring two first-round ties, including Mark Selby beginning the defence of his title.
12.00	<b>Track Cycling World Championships.</b> Clare Balding presents live coverage of day four at Hong Kong Velodrome, featuring the men's omnium and individual sprint competitions, as well as the women's madison.
3.30	<b>Gardeners' World.</b> Nick Bailey gives his tips on how to achieve a luscious lawn. (R)
4.30	<b>Live Snooker: The World Championship.</b> The afternoon session on day one at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield.
5.30	<b>Nature's Weirdest Events.</b> Chris Packham investigates unusual natural events. (R)
5.45	<b>Easter from King's 2017.</b> Music and Gospel readings at the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge.
7.00	<b>Live Snooker: The World Championship.</b> The concluding session on the opening day at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where the first-round matches featuring Mark Selby and Anthony McGill reach a conclusion.
8.00	<b>Grand Tours of Scotland.</b> Paul Murton travels from Loch Tay in Perthshire to the spa town of Strathpeffer, via the Rannoch Moor wilderness and the mountain of Buachaille Etive Mor.
8.30	<b>Dad's Army.</b> Captain Mainwaring and Sergeant Wilson are trapped in the bank vault with an unexploded bomb. Classic comedy, starring Arthur Lowe and John Le Mesurier. (R)
9.00	<b>QI XL.</b> Host Stephen Fry invites Noel Fielding, Rhod Gilbert and Ciarad Llyod to join regular panellist Alan Davies as he meanders through miscellaneous M-themed matters.
9.45	<b>FILM: War of the Worlds (2005).</b> A divorced father tries to protect his two children as alien war machines start to wipe out the human race. Steven Spielberg's sci-fi thriller, with Tom Cruise and Dakota Fanning.
11.35	<b>Snooker: The World Championship.</b> Jason Mohammad presents highlights of the evening session on the opening day at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where two first-round matches were scheduled to conclude.
12.25	<b>Snooker: World Championship Extra.</b> Extended highlights of the first-round matches from the opening day of the final ranking tournament of the season at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield.
2.25	<b>This Is BBC2.</b>

ITV	
6.00	<b>CITV: Bottom Knocker Street 6.10</b> Bottom Knocker Street <b>6.25</b> Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures <b>6.35</b> Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures <b>6.45</b> Sooty <b>6.55</b> Signed Stories: Share a Story <b>7.00</b> Oddbods <b>7.05</b> Thunderbirds Are Go <b>Scrambled!:</b> <b>Scrambled!</b> <b>7.30</b> <b>Scrambled!:</b> <b>Mr Bean: The Animated Series.</b> (R) <b>7.35</b> <b>Scrambled!:</b> <b>NinjaGo: Masters of Spinjitzu.</b> The ninja learn Darreth's Mojo Dojo is to be destroyed. (R) <b>7.50</b> <b>Scrambled!:</b> <b>Horrid Henry.</b> Cartoon about a mischievous youngster. (R) <b>8.20</b> <b>Scrambled!:</b> <b>Teen Titans Go!</b> The teenage superheroes fight to save the world. <b>8.45</b> <b>Scrambled!:</b> <b>Adventure Time.</b> (R) <b>9.05</b> <b>Scrambled!:</b> <b>ITV News.</b> <b>9.25</b> <b>Weekend.</b> New series. With guests Arlene Phillips, Simon Callow, Paul McKenna, Neil Bryden and David Morgan. <b>9.30</b> <b>James Martin's French Adventure.</b> The chef visits the Languedoc region, famous for wine and cassoulet. (R) <b>11.25</b> <b>ITV News and Weather;</b> Weather. <b>11.35</b> <b>FILM: The Flintstones (1994).</b> Live-action version of the cartoon comedy, with John Goodman. <b>1.20</b> <b>FILM: The Secret of My Success (1987).</b> Comedy, starring Michael J Fox. <b>3.30</b> <b>Tipping Point.</b> Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R) <b>4.30</b> <b>Fantastic Beasts and JK Rowling's Wizarding World.</b> Warwick Davis explores the popularity of JK Rowling's fantasy sagas. (R) <b>5.30</b> <b>ITV News Central;</b> Weather. <b>5.45</b> <b>ITV News and Weather.</b> <b>6.00</b> <b>Operation Magic.</b> Illusionist and Britain's Got Talent 2016 winner Richard Jones performs a special magic show for his former comrades-in-arms in the Army. <b>7.00</b> <b>Take Me Out.</b> New series. A model, a circus performer, a football coach and a salesman try to get the female participants to keep their lights on. Paddy McGuinness presents. <b>8.00</b> <b>Britain's Got Talent.</b> New series. The nationwide talent search returns for an 11th series, beginning as more would-be stars queue up for their chance at fame as the auditions get under way. <b>9.25</b> <b>FILM: The Expendables (2010).</b> A mercenary team is double-crossed while on a mission to kill a South American dictator. Action thriller, directed by and starring Sylvester Stallone. With Jason Statham and Jet Li. <b>10.25</b> <b>ITV News and Weather;</b> Weather. <b>10.40</b> <b>FILM: The Expendables (2010).</b> Continued. <b>11.40</b> <b>The Chase.</b> Bradley Walsh presents as four contestants answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on ruthless quiz genius the Chaser and secure a cash prize. (R) <b>Jackpot247.</b> <b>12.30</b> <b>Who's Doing the Dishes? (R)</b> <b>3.00</b> <b>ITV Nightscreen.</b> <b>3.50</b>

Channel 4	
6.10	<b>Triathlon: Super League Triathlon.</b> Action from the first round of the series in Hamilton Island, Australia.
7.05	<b>Everybody Loves Raymond.</b> Ray rejects Debra's advances. (R)
7.30	<b>Everybody Loves Raymond.</b> Robert discovers that Pat smokes. (R)
8.00	<b>Everybody Loves Raymond.</b> Last-ever episode. Ray has a brush with death. (R)
8.30	<b>Frasier.</b> Part two of two. Lilith's presence causes Frasier to make a fool of himself. (R)
9.00	<b>Frasier.</b> The shrink bumps into a former friend of Martin's. (R)
9.30	<b>The Big Bang Theory.</b> Howard gets caught in a strange argument. (R)
10.00	<b>The Big Bang Theory.</b> Penny considers breaking up with Leonard. (R)
10.25	<b>The Big Bang Theory.</b> Sheldon hires an attractive female assistant. (R)
10.55	<b>The Simpsons.</b> Marge tackles a conman. (R)
11.25	<b>The Simpsons.</b> Selma decides to start a family. (R)
11.50	<b>The Simpsons.</b> Bart acquires a new father figure. (R)
12.20	<b>Extreme Food.</b> Kiran Jethwa hunts for tiger prawns in south-west Sri Lanka.
12.55	<b>Formula 1 Bahrain Grand Prix Practice 3 Live.</b> Coverage from the Bahrain International Circuit in Sakhir.
2.25	<b>F1 Meets Murray Walker.</b> The veteran Formula 1 commentator discusses his life and career.
2.55	<b>Formula 1 Bahrain Grand Prix Qualifying Live.</b> From the Bahrain International Circuit in Sakhir (Start-time 4.00pm).
5.30	<b>Travel Man: 48 Hours in Naples.</b> Richard Ayoade and Jack Dee explore the Italian city. (R)
6.00	<b>Channel 4 News.</b>
6.30	<b>FILM: The Book Thief (2013).</b> Premiere. A girl growing up in Nazi Germany tries to save books from being burned, and provides a safe hiding place for a Jewish boy. Drama, with Sophie Nelisse and Geoffrey Rush. <b>9.00</b> <b>FILM: The Imitation Game (2014).</b> Biopic of Alan Turing, who broke vital Nazi codes during the Second World War, but was condemned for his homosexuality. With Benedict Cumberbatch and Keira Knightley. <b>11.15</b> <b>FILM: Solomon Kane (2010).</b> A 17th-century mercenary fights to redeem himself for his past sins by rescuing a kidnapped girl from an evil sorcerer. Fantasy thriller, with James Purefoy and Pete Postlethwaite. <b>1.05</b> <b>Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA.</b> Arizona bistro owners who have a contempt for customer feedback. (R) <b>1.55</b> <b>Hollyoaks.</b> Omnibus. Liam's fury with Grace grows and he has a plan for those closest to her. Lynette hands Scott some devastating news, and Cleo gets jealous over Joel. (R) <b>4.00</b> <b>Phil Spencer: Secret Agent.</b> From Reigate in Surrey. (R) <b>4.50</b> <b>Four in a Bed.</b> The contest begins at the Vale of Berkeley Guest House in Gloucestershire. (R) <b>5.15</b> <b>Location, Location, Location.</b> (R)

Channel 5	
6.00	<b>Milkshake!:</b> Pip Ahoy! <b>6.10</b> The Mr Men Show <b>6.20</b> Milkshake! Monkey <b>6.25</b> Milkshake! Bop Box <b>6.30</b> Peppa Pig <b>6.35</b> Peppa Pig <b>6.40</b> Paw Patrol <b>6.55</b> Bob the Builder <b>7.05</b> Fireman Sam <b>7.15</b> Olly the Little White Van <b>7.20</b> Wanda and the Alien <b>7.35</b> Little Princess <b>7.50</b> Paw Patrol <b>8.05</b> Blaze and the Monster Machines <b>8.30</b> Noddy: Toyland Detective <b>8.50</b> Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom <b>9.00</b> Shimmer and Shine <b>9.20</b> Peppa Pig <b>9.30</b> Peppa Pig <b>9.40</b> Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9.55	<b>Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.</b> Raphael loses his confidence. (R)
10.30	<b>Football on 5: The Championship.</b> George Riley and Lynsey Higrave introduce highlights from the latest games. (R)
11.15	<b>Football on 5: Goal Rush.</b> (R)
11.40	<b>Police Interceptors Unleashed.</b> PC Dan Briggenshaw pursues a shoplifter fleeing on a scooter. (R)
12.10	<b>Police Interceptors.</b> Barry Peach outsmarts a disqualified driver. (R)
1.10	<b>Bargain Bride on Benefits.</b> A couple who lost their business and now struggle to get by on benefits. (R)
2.10	<b>On Benefits: Life on the Dole.</b> Claimants living on the breadline in Yorkshire. (R)
3.15	<b>On Benefits: Life on the Dole.</b> People coping with medical and financial difficulties. (R)
4.15	<b>Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords.</b> A man claims to be renting a couple's old family home. (R)
5.15	<b>Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.</b> A man claims he cannot pay off his £7,000 debt, despite having a garage full of expensive tools. (R)
6.10	<b>Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.</b> The agents have an explosive run-in with a debtor as they try to retrieve £1,800 owed by a car dealership, and two officers try to collect more than £1,500 in unpaid parking fines. (R)
7.10	<b>NCIS: Los Angeles.</b> Part two of two. Kensi goes in search of her father's killer, before bumping into her mother, who she has not seen for more than 15 years.
8.00	<b>NCIS.</b> Gibbs' surgeon Dr Cyril Taft helps the team investigate a raid on a naval base, and DiNozzo is reunited with his old flame Jeanne Benoit. Guest starring Scottie Thompson.
8.55	<b>5 News Weekend.</b>
9.00	<b>The 00s.</b> A trawl of memorable incidents, caught on camera, beginning with a look back at the noughties. Clips feature George Galloway, Katie Price, Peter Andre and Gillian McKeith. (R)
11.55	<b>Access.</b> Showbiz news and gossip.
12.00	<b>SuperCasino.</b> Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.10	<b>FILM: Knock Off (1998).</b> Action thriller, starring Jean-Claude Van Damme.
4.50	<b>House Doctor.</b> (R)
5.15	<b>Wildlife SOS.</b> (R)
5.40	<b>Angels of Jarm.</b> (R)



# April 16



**Line of Duty**  
9pm  
Nick Huntley is brought in for questioning by AC-12, but denies any involvement in Steve's attack. However, the interrogation leads him to question how honest his wife has been with him. New anomalies emerge in the forensic evidence which cast further suspicion on Roz.



**Robot Wars**  
7pm  
Dara O Briain and Angela Scanlon present the final. Robots Aftershock, Eruption, Ironside 3, Concussion and Carbide have all made it through to this stage, and will be joined in the arena by a wild card selected by judges Professor Sethu Vijayakumar, Dr Lucy Rogers and Professor Noel Sharkey.



**Five Gold Rings**  
7pm  
Game show, hosted by Phillip Schofield, in which two sisters take on a married couple to answer visual questions by placing rings on an LED floor in five increasingly difficult stages. Viewers can play along using the series app. Last in the series.



**Rome's Sunken Secrets**  
8pm  
Documentary exploring the underwater ruins of Baiae, an ancient Roman city located in the modern-day Bay of Naples, which in its time was an exclusive retreat for the wealthiest and most influential of the empire's citizens. A team of historians and volcanologists examine the relics.



**Purple Rain**  
11.05pm  
A talented singer tries to escape his troubled home life through his music. However, his arrogant nature puts him in danger of alienating his band and losing the fellow performer he loves to a charismatic rival. Musical drama, starring Prince, Apollonia Koteri, Morris Day and Olga Karlatos.

BBC1	
6.00	<b>Breakfast.</b>
7.30	<b>Match of the Day.</b> Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, which include Tottenham Hotspur v Bournemouth, and Southampton v Manchester City. (R)
9.00	<b>BBC News.</b>
10.00	<b>Easter Day Service – Live from Hereford Cathedral.</b> A traditional Eucharist from Hereford Cathedral, led by the Bishop of Hereford. The mass setting is Rheinberger's Messe misericordias Domini, sung by the Hereford Cathedral Choir.
11.00	<b>Urbi et Orbi.</b> Pope Francis' Easter message and blessing.
11.25	<b>Homes Under the Hammer.</b> Properties about to be auctioned in Bolsover, Wolverhampton and Plaistow. (R)
12.15	<b>Bargain Hunt.</b> The competition heads to Lincoln. (R)
1.15	<b>BBC News; Weather.</b>
1.30	<b>Countryfile Spring Diaries.</b> Reports on the arrival of spring. (R)
2.15	<b>FILM: Cool Runnings (1993).</b> Fact-based comedy about four Jamaicans who became the first bobsleigh team to compete for their country at the 1988 Winter Olympics. Starring John Candy, Leon and Doug E Doug.
3.50	<b>Spring: Earth's Seasonal Secrets.</b> Documentary exploring wildlife during the spring.
4.50	<b>Lifeline.</b> An appeal on behalf of Hope Support Services.
5.00	<b>Songs of Praise.</b> A performance of the crucifixion in Greater Manchester.
5.35	<b>Galapagos.</b> Liz Bonnin finds out about man's impact on the archipelago. Last in the series. (R)
6.35	<b>BBC News.</b>
6.50	<b>Midlands Today; Weather.</b>
7.00	<b>Countryfile.</b> Matt Baker takes part in a pace egg rolling challenge in Lancashire, while Anita Rani follows a walk through the region's hills set up to commemorate the witch trials. Including weather for the week ahead.
8.00	<b>Antiques Roadshow.</b> Fiona Bruce presents a second episode from Pembroke Castle, where items under inspection include a ring that changes colour, a papal hat and a collection of Anglo-Indian paintings.
9.00	<b>Line of Duty.</b> Nick Huntley is brought in for questioning and begins to doubt his wife. New evidence casts further suspicion on Roz, who counters it with inside information of her own.
10.00	<b>BBC News.</b>
10.20	<b>Midlands Today; Weather.</b>
10.30	<b>Match of the Day 2.</b> Mark Chapman presents highlights of the day's Premier League action, featuring West Bromwich Albion v Liverpool, and Manchester United v Chelsea.
11.30	<b>I'm Different: Let Me Drive.</b> An autistic driver passes his test, but finds his parents do not want him to drive on his own, so takes a pass plus test. Another learner tries to keep her twitches under control.
12.00	<b>Weather for the Week Ahead.</b>
12.05	<b>BBC News.</b>

BBC2	
6.30	<b>The Beechgrove Garden.</b> George Anderson attends a flower school in Edinburgh.
7.00	<b>Gardeners' World.</b> Nick Bailey gives his tips on how to achieve a luscious lawn. (R)
8.00	<b>Countryfile.</b> The team visits Holderness in the East Riding of Yorkshire. (R)
9.00	<b>Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.</b> Matt Tebbutt presents highlights of the series.
10.00	<b>Live Snooker: The World Championship.</b> The opening session on day two at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield.
12.15	<b>MOTD2 Extra.</b> Mark Chapman presents football discussion.
1.00	<b>Track Cycling World Championships.</b> Clare Balding introduces action from the fourth day at Hong Kong Velodrome.
2.15	<b>Live Snooker: The World Championship.</b> Coverage of the second session on the second day.
6.00	<b>Inside the Factory: Shoes.</b> Gregg Wallace visits the UK's largest sports shoe factory to see how 3,500 pairs of trainers are made every day, while Cherry Healey gets hands-on in a tannery. (R)
7.00	<b>Robot Wars.</b> Dara O Briain and Angela Scanlon present the grand final between robots Aftershock, Eruption, Ironside 3, Concussion, Carbide and an unconfirmed wild card. Last in the series.
8.00	<b>Top Gear.</b> Chris Harris and Rory Reid take a road trip across Cuba, Matt LeBlanc test drives the Mercedes-AMG GT R, and Ross Noble is this week's Star in a Reasonably Fast Car.
9.00	<b>Colombia with Simon Reeve.</b> The presenter explores the country as 50 years of civil war draws to a close, meeting farmers in need of government support and guerrilla fighters who have pledged to lay down arms.
10.00	<b>FILM: At Any Price (2012).</b> Premiere. A farmer and his rebellious race driver son are forced to pull together as the family business comes under a series of threats. Drama, starring Dennis Quaid and Zac Efron.
11.40	<b>Snooker: The World Championship.</b> Jason Mohammad introduces the evening session on day two at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, which featured two matches in the first round, involving Marco Fu and Mark Allen.
12.30	<b>Snooker: World Championship Extra.</b> Jason Mohammad presents extended highlights of matches from the first round on the second day of the ranking tournament at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield.
2.30	<b>Sign Zone: Countryfile.</b> The team visits Holderness in the East Riding of Yorkshire. (R)
3.25	<b>Sign Zone: Holby City.</b> Dominic and Isaac's toxic relationship finally reaches breaking point, Fletch's world is shattered by a life-changing revelation, and Matteo tries to reunite Jac and Jasmine. (R)
4.25	<b>This is BBC2.</b>

ITV	
6.00	<b>CITV: Bottom Knocker Street 6.10</b> Bottom Knocker Street <b>6.25</b> Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures <b>6.35</b> Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures <b>6.45</b> Sooty <b>6.55</b> Signed Stories: Share a Story <b>7.00</b> Oddbods <b>7.05</b> Thunderbirds Are Go
7.30	<b>Scrambled! Scrambled!</b>
7.35	<b>Scrambled! Mr Bean: The Animated Series.</b> (R)
7.50	<b>Scrambled! NinjaGo: Masters of Spinjitzu.</b> (R)
8.20	<b>Scrambled! Teen Titans Go!</b>
8.45	<b>Scrambled! Teen Titans Go!</b>
9.05	<b>Scrambled! Adventure Time.</b> (R)
9.25	<b>ITV News.</b>
9.30	<b>Weekend.</b> With guests Mica Paris, Ore Oduba, Les Dennis and Samantha Womack.
10.20	<b>Judge Rinder.</b> Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R)
11.25	<b>Wild Australia with Ray Mears.</b> (R)
11.50	<b>ITV News and Weather; Weather.</b>
12.00	<b>FILM: Thunderball (1965).</b> James Bond spy adventure, starring Sean Connery.
2.35	<b>Britain's Got Talent.</b> The nationwide talent search returns for an 11th series. (R)
4.00	<b>Little Big Shots.</b> Dawn French meets a pair of tap dancing twins from Los Angeles. (R)
5.00	<b>ITV News Central; Weather.</b>
5.15	<b>ITV News and Weather.</b>
5.30	<b>Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule.</b> Previously unseen highlights from the comedy panel show. Last in the series. (R)
6.00	<b>The Voice: The Winner's Story.</b> A celebration of this year's winner of the talent show, looking back at their appearances in the series and catching up with them in the aftermath of their success in the final.
7.00	<b>Five Gold Rings.</b> Game show, hosted by Phillip Schofield, in which two sisters take on a married couple to answer visual questions by placing rings on an LED floor. Last in the series.
8.00	<b>Maigret's Night at the Crossroads.</b> The detective interrogates a mysterious Dane who has been caught with a dead body in his car in a rural town – but finds all the locals seem to be hiding something.
10.00	<b>ITV News and Weather; Weather.</b>
10.20	<b>Lethal Weapon.</b> As Riggs and Murtaugh examine the murder of one of LA's fashion expeditors, they follow a trail of evidence that leads them to a dangerous underground investigation led by the DEA. (R)
11.10	<b>The Nightly Show Best Bits.</b> Highlights of the seventh week of the entertainment show, with Jason Manford presenting a mix of topical monologues, studio games, celebrity guests, stand-up and video clips.
11.40	<b>Premiership Rugby Union.</b> Action from the 20th round of fixtures, which included Harlequins v Exeter Chiefs, Bristol v Wasps, and Northampton Saints v Saracens.
12.30	<b>Jackpot247.</b>
3.00	<b>The Cube.</b> (R)
3.45	<b>ITV Nightscreen.</b>
5.05	<b>The Jeremy Kyle Show.</b> (R)

Channel 4	
6.10	<b>The King of Queens.</b> Arthur keeps Doug company. (R)
6.35	<b>The King of Queens.</b> Doug and Carrie get new neighbours. (R)
7.00	<b>The King of Queens.</b> Carrie turns to religion. (R)
7.25	<b>Everybody Loves Raymond.</b> Pilot episode of the comedy series, starring Ray Romano. (R)
8.00	<b>Everybody Loves Raymond.</b> Debra feels neglected. (R)
8.30	<b>Frasier.</b> The Crane brothers encounter their high-school tormentors. (R)
9.00	<b>Frasier.</b> Roz produces Bulldog's show. (R)
9.30	<b>Sunday Brunch.</b> With guests Megan Mullally, Lee Ingleby, Danny Mac and Tom Davis.
12.30	<b>Ice Age: The Great Egg-Scapade.</b> Short animated comedy, featuring the characters from the movie series. (R)
1.00	<b>FILM: Hop (2011).</b> Part-animated comedy, starring James Marsden.
2.50	<b>Formula 1 Bahrain Grand Prix Live Build-Up.</b> Previewing the third round of the season.
3.50	<b>Formula 1 Bahrain Grand Prix Live.</b> Coverage of the third round of the season (Start-time 4.00pm).
6.15	<b>Formula 1 Bahrain Grand Prix Live Reaction.</b> Steve Jones presents reaction to the third round of the season, which took place at the Bahrain International Circuit in Sakhir.
6.45	<b>Channel 4 News.</b>
7.00	<b>Kevin McCloud's Escape to the Wild.</b> Kevin travels to Central America to spend time with British family-of-five the Atkinsons, who have quit London to live a simpler existence in the rainforests of Belize. (R)
8.00	<b>Rome's Sunken Secrets.</b> Documentary exploring the underwater ruins of an ancient Roman city located in the Bay of Naples, revealing how the volcanic landscape led to its destruction.
9.00	<b>Homeland.</b> Dar scrambles to get his plan back on track, and Saul and Keane deal with some fallout from her interview. Last in the series.
10.10	<b>Gogglebox.</b> Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R)
11.05	<b>FILM: East Is East (1999).</b> Two Asian teenagers in 1970s Salford are horrified when their traditionally minded father plans arranged marriages for them. Comedy drama, starring Om Puri and Jimi Mistry.
1.00	<b>FILM: Kingpin (1996).</b> Comedy, starring Woody Harrelson.
3.00	<b>Gillette World Sport.</b> Rowing with the Australian quad sculls team.
3.30	<b>KOTV Boxing Weekly.</b> Ted Cheeseman v Lloyd Ellett.
3.55	<b>Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free.</b> (R)
4.10	<b>Four in a Bed.</b> From Artist Residence in Penzance, Cornwall. (R)
4.35	<b>Four in a Bed.</b> Alec and Craig Coleman open the doors to the Edenfield Guest House in Blackpool. (R)
5.05	<b>Phil Spencer: Secret Agent.</b> The property expert helps house sellers in Hereford and Gloucester. (R)

Channel 5	
6.00	<b>Milkshake!:</b> Pip Ahoy! <b>6.10</b> Mr Men <b>6.20</b> Mofy <b>6.30</b> Peppa Pig <b>6.35</b> Paw Patrol <b>6.45</b> Bob the Builder <b>7.00</b> Fireman Sam <b>7.10</b> Oily the Little White Van <b>7.20</b> Little Princess <b>7.35</b> Paw Patrol <b>8.05</b> Blaze and the Monster Machines <b>8.30</b> Noddy: Toyland Detective <b>8.45</b> Shimmer and Shine <b>9.15</b> Peppa Pig <b>9.35</b> Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9.45	<b>Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.</b> Crime-fighting capers. (R)
10.20	<b>Funniest Fails, Fails &amp; Flops.</b> Comedy clip show featuring pranks gone wrong. (R)
10.45	<b>Grannies Make You Laugh Out Loud.</b> Internet videos featuring pensioners doing bizarre and humorous things. (R)
11.45	<b>Playful Pups Make You Laugh Out Loud.</b> Internet videos featuring puppies. (R)
12.45	<b>FILM: Watership Down (1978).</b> Animated drama, with the voice of John Hurt.
2.30	<b>Greatest Animated Movies.</b> A countdown of classic cartoon films. (R)
5.20	<b>FILM: Oliver! (1968).</b> Musical, starring Ron Moody.
8.00	<b>Naughty Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud.</b> Internet videos featuring cats doing bizarre and humorous things.
8.55	<b>5 News Weekend.</b>
9.00	<b>The Prince Story: Icon, Genius, Slave.</b> Documentary exploring the singer's troubled private life and its influence on his recording output, as well as the circumstances that led him to die alone.
11.05	<b>FILM: Purple Rain (1984).</b> A talented but arrogant musician with a troubled home life tries to make a name for himself and win the heart of a fellow singer. Musical drama, with Prince.
1.10	<b>SuperCasino.</b> Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.10	<b>Body of Proof.</b> Part two of two. Megan finds a bomb implanted in Dr Wallace's latest victim and receives a phone call telling her to bring the device to a rendezvous point or Lacey will be killed. (R)
4.00	<b>Criminals: Caught on Camera.</b> Nick Wallis examines how CCTV means wrongdoers can no longer hide in a crowd, looking at its use in convicting people involved in the August 2011 riots across England. (R)
4.50	<b>House Doctor.</b> Property expert Ann Maurice offers advice to the would-be sellers of a two-bedroom semi in the West Midlands town of Cradley Heath that has been on the market for six months. (R)
5.15	<b>Wildlife SOS.</b> The work of volunteers treating sick, injured and orphaned animals at a wildlife sanctuary. (R)
5.40	<b>Angels of Jarm.</b> Virgil gets the blame when a vase is broken with his basketball. (R)
5.50	<b>Roary the Racing Car.</b> Mr Carburettor gets tired of Maxi and Roary's arguments about who is faster and organises a race to settle the matter once and for all. (R)



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# New Swift real pleaser in all areas

By John Griffiths

Suzuki's Swift supermini has made a big impact in the past 12 years, becoming the company's single biggest seller in the UK. And with the company's sales here hitting a record high – and already on target to do even better this year – the new, transformed Swift model will be carrying the torch for its ambitions. It has more room for people and their luggage, it's quicker, nearly 20 per cent more powerful, more refined and yet more economical, too.

The new car won't be available here until June and prices haven't yet been announced. But bearing in mind its place between the Ignis and Baleno, expect entry level models to be around the £10,000 to £11,000 mark.

While the Swift is a world car, the model coming here has been specifically designed for Britain and Europe, and tested on roads here to cater for the demands of customers for a car that is both dynamic and comfortable.

There will be basically four variants: one using the 1.0 litre turbo engine (widely acclaimed since it was launched last year in the Baleno) and a 1.2 litre Dualjet, itself a relatively new engine, with the option of four wheel drive.

The final option is a first for Suzuki: the turbo engine combined with a 'mild hybrid' system which generates and stores electrical power to assist the petrol unit when it's under load.

There won't be a diesel version as sales volumes with the outgoing model were low. The new Swift bears a strong resemblance to its predecessor – engineers were keen to ensure it retain the design DNA of Suzuki's most popular car – but it is distinguished by

its bold new grille, LED daytime running lights and stronger haunches.

It's lower, wider, and, although slightly shorter, it has a longer wheelbase which has allowed the engineers to create significantly more space in the cabin (particularly for those in the back) and an increase in luggage space to 265 litres – up by 54 litres.

It gives the Swift a much sportier look, and combined with an impressive ten per cent cut in weight the driving dynamics have improved to add credence to its new image.

The test car was a left-hand drive version and this new dynamism was very evident on some tight, twisting French roads. The steering is light yet with adequate driver 'feel', the car feels very stable and while it's an old cliché the Swift really does feel as if it's on rails.

The engineers did their job well as while it's a fun, sporty driving experience that hasn't been achieved at the expense of ride comfort. That's just as well, as the turbocharged and electrified test car came across as a refined, mature car too – I'd expected that as the same (non hybrid) engine creates the same ambience in the larger Baleno.

The three cylinder Boosterjet is a remarkable little engine, turning out an impressive 111PS of power with 61.4mpg economy and a low 104g/km of CO2 emissions, or 65.7mpg and 97g/km with the added benefit of the hybrid system.

But it isn't the maximum power system which makes the difference in everyday driving, it's the torque. Thanks to the turbocharger it has 170Nm, and all of that pulling power is available at just 2,000rpm – much more characteristic of a diesel engine

than a small petrol unit.

It means it's quicker up through the gears, more response, and it means you don't have to hit the red line to make reasonable progress. Top (sixth) gear is pitched fairly high, helping refinement and fuel-saving on motorway runs.

Of course the Swift's 19 per cent weight loss helps with performance and economy, so the car can reach the 62mph mark in a little over ten seconds. The 1.2 Dualjet's figures are 0 to 62mph in 11.7 seconds, 65.7mpg and 99g/km.

Inside, the Swift has new seats, reshaped and with more supportive side bolsters, higher quality materials and a modern and stylish dash, with white and satin chrome highlights giving a brighter feel to the cabin.

Above the centre console are the air conditioning controls, and above them the touch screen control, according to specification, a navigation system, audio controls, smartphone and Bluetooth links.

All versions come with six airbags, DAB radio, front electric windows, privacy glass and a leather steering wheel. Go up a grade and a rear view camera, smartphone link, alloy wheels and front fog lamps are added.

Top spec models add LED lights, automatic aircon, adaptive cruise control and a navigation system as standard. It also gets an advanced forward detection system, another first for Suzuki. This combines a camera, laser sensor and radar to detect obstacles and employ the auto emergency braking, lane departure warning and auto dipping headlights.

The braking system gives an audio and visual warning if it detects the risk of a collision, and can either help the driver (by



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increasing braking power) or iof necessary apply full automatic braking to avoid the danger, be it another car or a pedestrian.

Suzuki expects the new model to increase UK Swift sales by about 25 per cent in a full year and on first impressions that doesn't seem over optimistic. The backroom boys at Suzuki seem to have ticked all boxes in replacing a model that was already Suzuki's best seller here.

Even if you don't care much about the engineering, you will about it's effects on performance, economy, emissions and drivability. If you aren't convinced by the figures for this mighty atom of a 1.0 turbo engine, try a test drive and you may find it something of a revelation.

Plus the Swift has much sportier, desirable looks yet its more practical, too, with more room for passengers and their luggage.

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Incorrect economy figures could add £1,000 to costs

## Extra burden on drivers hits pocket

Motorists are being hit in their pockets with a new vehicle tax system and incorrect economy figures, new research has revealed.

According to figures compiled by automotive website Honest John, drivers could be seeing £1,000 added to their long-term car running costs.

Using 118,000 real-world MPG figures submitted by UK drivers, it was found that a car is using 24% more fuel than it should, with just one in 10 cars achieving their official MPG figures. According to the data, British motorists are using an estimated 2,970 million extra litres of petrol and an additional 2,609 million litres of diesel a year as a result of misleading economy figures.

An additional burden is being placed on UK motorists with the new vehicle tax rules set to be enforced from tomorrow for purchases of new cars.

The changes will see additional charges added to the long-term running costs of even the smallest and most efficient cars.

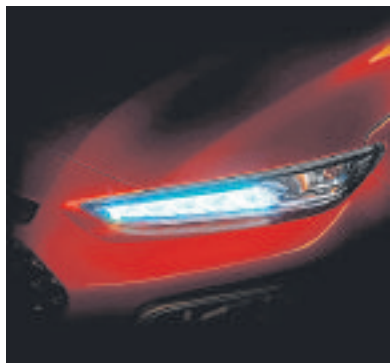
A new Vauxhall Astra 1.0, for instance, costs nothing to tax under the current rules, but even this will rise to £400 for three years.

Edmund King, president of the AA, recently commented on the subject, saying: "Many car buyers are focused on the bottom line of the deal without considering future costs."

"In 12 months' time, a car tax bill that is £100-plus higher than expected for small cars emitting up to 120g/km CO<sub>2</sub> may knock an owner's financial planning off the road."

However, a new testing system is set to be introduced to ensure that official economy figures are more realistic. From September 2017, the New European Driving Cycle will be replaced with the Worldwide Harmonised Light Vehicles Test Procedure to help produce economy figures that are more realistic.

## New SUV will lead way for Hyundai push



A glimpse of the Kona

Hyundai has given a sneak peek of its upcoming Kona SUV. Set to join the brand's range of SUVs, the Kona is named after a district of Hawaii.

The image revealed by Hyundai gives an indication of the Kona's aggressive new design language.

The new SUV is tasked with leading the way in the brand's push to become the biggest Asian car maker by 2021.

Hyundai is planning to launch 30 new models and derivatives leading up to 2021.

When released, it will go up against rivals such as the Nissan Juke and Kia Soul.

Hyundai claims the Kona will be a 'true SUV', showing that it will have some level of off-road ability. This could be through the use of technology found in the larger Santa Fe.

It comes as the fourth member of Hyundai's SUV family. Further details surrounding the Kona will be released in the coming months.

# Building on success of first generation award-winner

**Mazda has announced UK prices and specification for the all-new Mazda CX-5.**

Launched in 2012, the original Mazda CX-5 changed perceptions in the compact SUV segment with its award-winning combination of style, driving dynamics and efficiency. Winning acclaim from customers and media alike, global sales of over 1.5 million mean it now accounts for roughly 25 per cent of Mazda's global sales volume with more than 32,000 CX-5s having been sold in the UK.

Now with enhancements across the board, an all-new interior and a fully-revised body structure the all-new Mazda CX-5 aims to raise the bar even higher, delivering new levels of style, refinement and driving pleasure. Designed under the concept of 'Refined Toughness' the second-generation CX-5 features a powerful evolution of Mazda's front-end design, while sleeker sides and a lower roofline underscore its solid stance and elegant proportions. Inside, Mazda's human-centric development ethos delivers an interior that merges meticulous cockpit ergonomics with a sophisticated, high-quality and spacious cabin environment.

A product of Mazda's 'Jinba-Ittai' car-and-driver as one philosophy, the new CX-5 delivers new levels of driver engagement and comfort. With particular attention paid to reducing noise and vibration within the cabin, the CX-5 provides premium levels of comfort and refinement, while at the same time improving on the class-leading handling precision and driver involvement of the outgoing car. With 15

per cent stiffer torsional body rigidity than the outgoing model, refinements to the steering, suspension and brakes, plus the introduction of G-Vectoring Control (GVC) the CX-5 is more comfortable, refined and responsive than ever.

Available in two trim levels, the ten model UK range starts at just £23,695. Both Mazda's SKYACTIV-MT six-speed manual and SKYACTIV-Drive six-speed automatic transmissions feature in the range, as does the latest generation of Mazda's intelligent i-ACTIV all-wheel drive (AWD) system.

Powered by a familiar range of SKYACTIV engines, the 2.0-litre 165ps SKYACTIV-G petrol engine is available in SE-L Nav and Sport Nav trim and is offered exclusively with front-wheel drive and Mazda's six-speed SKYACTIV-MT manual gearbox.

Making up the bulk of the range, the popular 2.2-litre 150ps SKYACTIV-D diesel is available with front-wheel drive and AWD transmissions, plus comes with a choice of SKYACTIV-MT or SKYACTIV-Drive gearbox. Sitting at the top of the range, the flagship 2.2-litre 175ps SKYACTIV-D comes exclusively in Sport Nav trim and is equipped with Mazda's i-ACTIV AWD, and like the lower output diesel, it can be matched to auto or manual transmission.

Standard equipment includes LED headlights, auto power-folding door mirrors, dual-zone climate control, DAB radio and a 7" colour touch-screen display with integrated navigation. Sport Nav cars include a reversing camera, 8-way power adjustable driver's seat and Smart keyless entry, plus heated front seats and steering



The second-generation CX-5 features a powerful evolution of Mazda's front-end

wheel. Offered in a Mazda for the first time, Sport Nav models also feature a power lift tailgate, plus a new head-up display (HUD) that projects directly onto the windscreen and features Traffic Sign Recognition.

Jeremy Thomson, managing director of Mazda Motors UK, said: "The CX-5 will go down as a landmark car in Mazda's history, not only did it introduce SKYACTIV Technology and KODO: Soul of Motion design, it also showcased how Mazda

could make an SUV that was stylish, great to drive and capable of luring customers from premium badged rivals. And today the all-new Mazda CX-5 takes this to the next stage, elevating exterior design, cabin quality and refinement to new levels of sophistication, whilst at the same time ensuring Mazda's love of driving is even more apparent in the handling."

The new Mazda CX-5 goes on sale in the UK on June 30.

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# Future is electric with Skoda Vision E

Škoda's appearance at the Shanghai Motor Show later this month is characterized by electric change: With the Vision E study, the company provides its first brand-specific outlook on the future of individual mobility.

The emotionally designed five-door SUV coupé can travel up to 500 kilometres on purely electric power and meets the level 3 requirements for autonomous driving. Škoda is intensively pursuing the electrification of its model range, and will be offering five purely electric models in various segments by 2025.

Tomorrow's mobility – planning and development is in full swing at Škoda. The first purely electrically driven and autonomous driving concept car in the company's history embodies the brand's interpretation of electric vehicles.

At 4,645 mm long, 1,917 mm wide and 1,550 mm tall, the Škoda Vision E has great road presence. Thanks to the long wheelbase of 2,850 mm, as well as the short overhangs at the front and rear, the designers have created an extremely spacious interior – as always with Škoda. In the future-oriented vehicle concept, the elevated seating position typical of SUV models and the generous space combine with a dynamic silhouette and gently sloping roof line in the style of a coupé.

Thanks to the system output of 225 kW, the Škoda Vision E accelerates instantaneously and dynamically. The top speed is 180 km/h (112mph). The powerful lithium-ion batteries and optimal recuperation allow a range of up to 500 kilometres (311 miles).

Thanks to intelligent management, the two electric engines cooperate with maximum efficiency and drive the Škoda Vision E over



Generous space combines with a dynamic silhouette



The car has a gently sloping roof line in style of a coupé

all four wheels. The front- and rear-wheel drive is suitably adjusted to ensure the highest degree of stability, dynamism and safety at all times.

With the Vision E, Škoda is also providing an outlook on the forms of autonomous driving coming soon. According to the latest surveys, around 15 percent of all new cars could be

driving completely autonomously in 2030.

The concept car Škoda Vision E achieves the prerequisites for level 3 autonomous driving: It can operate independently in traffic jams, go into autopilot on motorways, stay in lane and swerve, carry out overtaking manoeuvres, independently search for free parking spaces and park and leave parking

spaces alone. To enable this, various sensors with different ranges and numerous cameras constantly monitor the traffic situation.

Electromobility plays a key role in the company's global growth strategy. Škoda develops its own vehicle concepts for purely electric mobility on the basis of the MEB Group platform.

The electrification of Škoda's model range will begin as early as 2019 with the launch of the Škoda Superb with plug-in hybrid drive.

Škoda's first purely electric series-produced vehicle will be released shortly afterwards in 2020. By 2025, the brand will have expanded its range to include five purely electric cars in various segments.



The five-door coupé can travel up to 500 kilometres on purely electric power

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# Latest golf returns from Shropshire golf clubs

**BRIDGNORTH**  
St David's Cup: J Ralph and T Reeve 48pts; T Merritt and G McKenna 45pts; T Emery and S York 43pts; P Butler and M Lang 39pts (cb); P McGarry and S Butler 39pts.

**HENLLE PARK**  
Seniors' Stroke Play Division 1: A Edwards 66pts; C Andrews 68pts (cb); T Dodd 68pts; Division 2: J Bostock 66pts; A Dickenson 69pts; G Bellis 73pts.

**HILL VALLEY**  
Ladies' NQ Stableford (Sapphire) 9 Holes: J Wruszek 18pts (30); C Ellwood 15pts (21); S DeBarro 12pts (25).  
EWGA Medal (Emerald) Division 1: S Lockett 97-22=75; D Minshall 98-16=82; C Ellwood 104-21=83. Division 2: S Tamura 105-25=80; J Wruszek 114-30=83; B Sierstema 114-28=86.  
Frostbite Trophy (Sapphire) 15 Holes: S DeBarro 26pts (21); G Thomas 22pts (16); B Sierstema 20pts (23).  
EWGA Medal (Emerald) 1 Division: C Ellwood 102-22=80; S Coupe 92-12=80; S DeBarro 106-25=81.

**LILleshALL HALL**  
Captains Medal: O Reynolds 69-5= 64; S Meadows 67-2=65; D Green 83-18=65; L Blockside 73-6=67; D Hoof 70-2=68; R Hendy 80-12=68; A Smith 85-17=68.

**MARKET DRAYTON**  
Ladies' April Medal 1: S Duthie (23) net 74.  
April Medal 2 and Munro Walker Qualifier Division 1: H Taylor (10) 74; S Cushing (13) 81; R Belcher (14) 81. Division 2: B Yendole (23) 76; J Harris (27) 82; A Cuthbert (28) 85. Division 3: A Addison (29) 79; A Innocent (34) 95; L Lewis (36) 97.  
April 9-Hole Competition 1: A Loader (18) 35.

**OSWESTRY**  
Captain's Away Day (Warrington Golf Club) Stableford: S Owen & G Davies 46pts; G Griffiths & G Jones 43pts (cb); I Pearce & J Lawes 43pts (cb); J Gallister & P Evans 43pts (cb); W Peter & P Dunning 43pts.  
April Medal Division 1: J Lawes 67-3=64; M Knapper 71-6=65; D Haycocks 75-9=66; C Male 73-6=67 (cb); S Probert 71-4=67; J Poole 74-6= 68. Division 2: W Woodward 76-10=66; J Taylor 80-10=70; S Foulkes 83-12=71 (cb); S Roberts 83-12=71 (cb); D Potts 83-12=71; A Jones 87-15=72 (cb). Division 3: D Giles 88-19=69 (cb); P Jennings 86-17=69; D Jones 91-21=70; S Pearce 88-17=71 (cb); A Clarke 87-16=71 (cb).  
J Gallagher 92-21=71 (cb). Best Gross: J Lawes 67.  
Ladies' Kath Bates Cup Winner: V Raffle 71-04-67.  
Paul Bates Salver Winner: S Baxter 103-30-73.  
Extra Medal Silver: V Raffle 71-04-67; M Male 91-19-72; K Jones 93-20-73.  
Bronze: M Green 94-23-71 (cb); D Mottram 98-27-71 (cb); J Jones 96-21-75 (cb).  
Upper Bronze: S Baxter 103-30-73; E Jones 108-31-77; H Starbuck 114-34-80.  
Sunday Medal: G Thornell 73-05-68; S Weaver 102-24-78.

**SHREWSBURY**  
Ladies' Weekend Medal: L Mottram 74pts; M O'Sullivan 75; P Turner 78.

**THE BROW**  
Monthly April Medal Winner: T Williams 77-14=63. Best Gross: K Fairbank 74. Division 1: B Stuttard 77-13=64; T Brough 82-16=66. Division 2: B Thomas 90-22=68 (on back 9); P Barker 86-18=68.

**WREKIN**  
Parton Jamieson Cup Round 1 of 6 (15 Hole): A Denver 54/10; D Kibble 54/12; G Hughes 56/19.

# Churchstoke power to the title once more

HOT-SHOTS Churchstoke have powered to the Montgomeryshire and District Airgun League for a second year running with some nerveless performances.

Looking to make the most of their games in hand, first in the firing line were Castle Caereinion.

With home advantage, Churchstoke took the points with a superb team performance, claiming the match 207.1-199.1 with Jane Thomas (35.3), Malcolm Jukes (35.5) and Owen Stimpson (35.4) shooting possibilities.

Next up were Crew Green A and again Churchstoke used home advantage to take the match 201.9-192.8 and claim the two points to clinch their second league title.

Once again a consistent team performance was instrumental in the win, with Jukes (35.3) Stimpson (35.1) and Paul Gwilliam (35.1) all scoring possibilities for the home side.

In other matches, Newtown won at Castle Caereinion 200.4-193.0 with Jamie Thomas (35.2) for Newtown shooting a possible.

Castle also had an away match at Forden where they regained some of their season's form and came away with the two points to secure fourth place with Richard Morgan (35.2) and Andy Mutch (35.4) scoring possibilities.

With only one match to be shot, Newtown versus Forden and its outcome not influencing the standings, Churchstoke should be congratulated on their tremendous season along with Guilsfield A who have pushed them all the way to claim runners-up. Ardleen take the final podium place in third.

# Depleted St Martin's suffer setback

AFTER sealing their safety, a depleted St Martins were downed 2-0 at Darlaston as hopes of a mid-table finish in the West Midlands League division one suffered a setback.

With three games remaining, the Saints stayed 10th in the table, and will be looking to bounce back at home to fifth placed Worcester Raiders on Saturday.

Making the trip with just 11 players, those that played showed great character, but lacked that bit of quality in vital areas to make an impact.

A goal at the end of each half put paid to the Saints who will be out to put the record straight when they entertain the same opposition at Park Hall on the

last game of the season. Meanwhile, Hay St Mary's moved two points clear at the top of the Watson Financial Mid Wales League (South) with a 1-0 win at Newcastle.

Josh Wisniewski got the only goal 10 minutes into the second half for the Saints who also have a game in hand on their rivals.

Talgarth Town maintained their hopes of a top two finish with a 2-1 success at Rhayader Town Reserves. Harry Sharman bagged a 75th minute winner after Rhayader's Jordan McFadden had cancelled out Kyle O'Shea's opener.

Elsewhere Francis Barr started with a four goal haul as Llanidloes Town Reserves recorded a high

scoring 6-3 victory over Presteigne Reserves. Kieran Matthews and Ashley Harries were also on target for The Daffs with Ioan Hughes (2) and Tom Crichton replying for Presteigne.

After a tense game in Ffostrasol, Llanfair United youths won on penalties to book their place in the final of the Central Wales Youth Cup.

The second leg ended 3-2 to Ffostrasol after 90 minutes to leave the scores level on aggregate. The home side shaded extra time 4-3, Josh Astley scoring all three goals for Llanfair to set up a spot-kick decider.

United's lads then prevailed on penalties to go through to the final.

# Survival hopes alive after key COBRA win

Rugby by John Bridgwater

**COBRA kept alive their slim hopes of survival in rugby's North Wales League division one after sealing a vital 19-5 win over fellow strugglers Ruthin in their last home game of the campaign.**

The Meifod men took charge with first half tries form Iwan Vaughan, Jack Jukes and Hywel Jones to lead 19-0 at the break.

Ruthin rallied in the second period and, although the home side failed to gain a bonus point, they at least made sure that their visitors did not gain an extra point themselves which would have sentenced the Llanfair lads to the drop.

Their fate now comes down to what happens on the final day of the season, with COBRA banking on a favourable set of results.

They must hope that Ruthin do not pick up any points against arch rivals Mold on Saturday, while also earning a maximum five point haul themselves in defeating struggling Colwyn Bay. If that happens, they will stay up by virtue of gaining one more win than Ruthin during the season.

The Llanfair side have a realistic chance of a maximum haul of points against a Colwyn Bay side whose problems continued with a crushing 122-0 loss at high flying Nant Conwy last weekend.

## Incisive

However, it seems unlikely that Ruthin will come away from their encounter with Mold empty handed despite being no love lost between the two teams.

Lying second bottom, COBRA knew they needed a good win last Saturday, and started well enough with three tries in the first half.

They were ahead on 15 minutes when centre Vaughan cut through under the posts after an incisive move from a scrum, Will Worthington converting. Worthington was then forced off through injury.

COBRA continued to make the running and were rewarded when No8 Jack Jukes picked up off the back of a five metre scrum, and forced his way over the line in the corner. Harry Jukes converted from wide out.

More good play from the forwards ended with prop Hywel Jones going over, the conversion was missed.

Ruthin were a different proposition after the break, and soon reduced the arrears with an unconverted touchdown from a driving maul. They had chances to trim the deficit further, but the home



Captain Iwan Vaughan dives over for COBRA's second try of the game

defence held firm to deny their rivals a bonus point to take the fight for survival into the last game of the season.

**WELSHPOOL's** challenge faded in the division three North East as they slipped to a 34-7 defeat at Powys rivals Newtown.

After the second division 'split' took place, Welshpool claimed a 42-5 win away at Rhos to earn five points in the new league. But they suffered their third loss of the season at the hands of Newtown, as a run of creditable results came to an end.

The visitors were always trailing, and were 22-0 down in the second half before Ally Evans

pulled back a try, converted by Dan Earle. Two more touchdowns, one right at the death, gave Newtown a convincing 34-7 success against their local rivals to rekindle their hopes of challenging in the league.

Meanwhile, Llanidloes could take heart from a spirited second half fightback despite slipping to a 40-22 loss against Denbigh in their North Wales division two encounter played at Rhyl.

A depleted Llani side, who made the trip with just 15 players, trailed 40-10 at the break but in the second half, and scored 12 unanswered points. Tries came from captain Paul Jehu, Ioan Jones and James Davies. Adam Price kicked seven points.

# Rivals dent Berriew promotion hopes

## Spar Mid Wales League

**BERRIEW'S** chances of promotion from division one faded after slipping to a scrappy 2-1 home loss to close rivals Carno.

Needing a win to have realistic hope of clinching runners-up spot behind champions-elect Rhayader Town, the Rhiewiders failed to deliver despite a reply from Matt Bumford

Although they remain second with one game left, they are now just two points ahead of Carno who are well placed with three games in hand. Richie Evans scored both goals for the visitors who are now unbeaten in 21 games.

With eight games still to play, **LLANRHAeadR** kept alive their hopes of a top five finish after making hard work of a 2-1 win at already relegated Montgomery.

They were ahead after 12 minutes when Iain Edmunds converted a penalty awarded for handball, but the same player had a second spot-kick saved five minutes later after Iwan Matthews had been fouled.

Monty were back on terms with a penalty themselves on 25 minutes following a foul by keeper Harry Matthews, but Llan restored their advantage five minutes later as Tom Evans beat the defence

before crossing for reserve teamer Alex Hall to convert. Top scorer Matthews hit the bar in the second half as the sun-drenched encounter petered out.

Although without any action, **WELSHPOOL's** hopes of survival were given a boost with basement rivals Tywyn Bryncrug losing 2-1 away to Llandrinod Wells. They remain four points above Tywyn, but have played three more games.

Llanidloes Town maintained their resurgence in the first division after hitting back to win 2-1 at Machynlleth to climb up to sixth spot.

After falling behind in the first attack of the second half, the Daffs hit back with George Clarke levelling and Rhys D Evans firing the winner seven minutes from time. Match finished with 10 men.

Elsewhere, Hay St Mary's overcame Bow Street 3-1 after a goalless first half to move to fourth. Ryan Davies, Callum Maddy and Rob Snedden got their goals.

**KERRY** edged towards the Spar League division two title after being held to a goalless deadlock at home to chief rivals Borth United. Victory would

have earned the Lambs the crown, but they will have to put the champagne on hold for at least another week following this stalemate.

**DYFFRYN BANW** are enjoying a creditable second half of the season with their 4-0 win over Builth Wells underlining their improvements.

They made the perfect start when Alan Williams opened the scoring after just two minutes, before his brother Richard added a second after the break.

Tom Fouilkes made it 3-0 before Alan Williams notched his second of the game to seal the win.

Churchstoke also continued their fine campaign with a 7-2 hammering of Presteigne followed by a 2-0 success at lowly Penybont to cement third spot in the second division.

Aberystwyth University stayed on course for some end of season silverware after storming into the final of the ER Jenkins Cup with a 5-2 victory against Dolgellau after being level 2-2 at the break.

**Spar Mid Wales League fixtures:** Friday, April 14. Division One: Rhayader Town v Tywyn Bryncrug (7.30). Saturday April 15 (2.30pm). Division One: Llanrhaeadr v Knighton. Montgomery v Hay St Mary's. Radnor Valley v Welshpool. Division Two: Borth Utd v Dyffryn Banw, Churchstoke v Four Crosses. Penybont v Dolgellau (2pm). Monday April 17 (2.30pm). Division One: Tywyn Bryncrug v Llanrhaeadr.

# Sub Williams the Porth of call again for visitors

**GUILSFIELD'S** topsy-turvy season in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance continued as they went down 2-1 at home to Porthmadog to remain mid-table.

Goals from Sion Bradley (33) and substitute Meilir Williams (77) earned Port the spoils. Sam Litchfield pulled one back three minutes into injury time.

The home side started brightly but failed to turn possession into worthwhile chances and rarely troubled keeper Richard Harvey.

The closest they came to a goal in the opening half was from a well struck 20-yard free kick from Chris Cathrall which rattled the post. Port looked more threatening with some strong breaks. Twice chances were created for Joe Williams.

Port took the lead with the best move of the match. Ceri James started it with a flick into the path of Cai Jones to wrong foot the home defence and James' perfectly weighted through ball put in Bradley on the right of the box. The wideman coolly drew the keeper Lee Andrew and placed a low shot into the far corner of the net.

With 75 minutes gone Bradley twisted his ankle as he made a burst down the left and was replaced by Meilir Williams.

The young forward, who scored last week's winner, took just three minutes to find the net again. Namesake Julian lifted a dangerous free kick to the near post where Williams reacted quickest in the goalmouth to flick a header past keeper Andrew.

Port also netted through Julian Williams and Chris Jones only to see them disallowed for offside.

In the third minute of added time the Guils got on the score-sheet as Litchfield lobbed over Harvey.

Earlier in the week, Guilsfield returned to winning ways with a five-star display as they trounced Gresford Athletic 5-1 at Clos Mytton. Tom Wells had given the Latics a 15th minute lead, but the Guils hit back through Adam Jenkins (2), Chris Cathrall, Jake Cook and Aaron Edwards.

● Premier League referee Chris Foy was guest speaker at Guilsfield's annual sportsman's dinner on Sunday.

# Drop fears heightened for Llanfair

**LLANFAIR** United's future in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance is hanging by a thread after suffering a 4-1 home loss to champions Prestatyn Town at the Mount Field.

Defeat capped a poor week for United who also went down 3-1 at Powys rivals Caerswys a few days before to remain deep in danger with games running out.

Lying second bottom, they are six points adrift of safety with three games left after basement rivals Penrhynoch won 1-0 at fellow strugglers Mold Alex.

Prestatyn, who won the league at a canter, opened up a 4-0 lead with two goals from Ben Maher and singles by Jack Lewis and Jack Higgins before James Davies grabbed consolation with a 75th minute reply from the penalty spot.

Earlier Llanfair slipped to a 3-1 loss at Caerswys despite dominating much of the encounter.

After starting brightly, United found themselves trailing to a brace from Will Thomas on nine and 13 minutes.

Llanfair then missed a number of good chances before being punished again on 62 minutes when Thomas grabbed his hat-trick goal on the break.

Ben Jones pulled a goal back straight away before Lance Jones was given his marching orders for violent conduct which led to a brawl in the centre of the pitch.

Llanfair continued to create chances but their plight deepened.

Saturday's fixtures: Huws Gray Cymru Alliance (2.30) Caernarfon Town v Flint Town Utd, Caerswys v Holyhead Hotspur, Conwy Borough v Mold Alex, Holywell Town v Llanfair United, Penrhynoch v Porthmadog, Ruthin Town v Guilsfield.



# Motorists revving up ahead of tough climb

EASTER Sunday and Monday sees a wide range of machines from across the UK descending on Lotton Park Speed Hill Climb, at Alberbury, near Shrewsbury.

The two separate one-day events feature motorcycles taking part in the National Hill Climb Association Championship, Morgan 3-wheelers, Reliant sports cars and a very large entry of Lotus and Caterham cars in the Lotus Seven Club Speed Championship.

These invited clubs add to the capacity entry list of a wide range of sports, saloons, classic and racing cars of club members, with several new cars making their debut.

Former award-winning driver Robert Kendrick of Llangollen will drive the brand new GWR Raptor racing car in the 1100cc Class, being joined by Tenbury Wells driver Darren Gumbley in a new Force TA racing car.

**Regional**

Three national top ten drivers are competing over the two days. There will also be a strong regional contingent.

Local drivers include Lindsay Summers of Tenbury Wells in a DJ Firehawk, Alex Hill of Harmer Hill in a Renault Clio, David Williams of Shrewsbury in an MGF, Andrew Howson of Rodington in a Westfield, Peta Marshall of Shrewsbury in a Fisher Fury, Roy Holder of Llanfyllin in a Renault Clio, Connor Sturrock of Shrewsbury in a Ford Escort Cosworth, Bernie Kevill of Ludlow in a Van Diemen and Mike Reece of Shrewsbury in a Subaru Impreza.

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**Impressive opening from Ifton bowlers**

IFTON'S bowlers stand fourth in the Salop Leisure Shropshire Premier Bowls League after the first week's action.

An 11-3 success at home to Newport, was followed by a 10-4 reverse away to last season's runners-up Castlefields, leaving the St Martins side with 15 points – one behind second placed Sir John Bayley whom they entertain tomorrow night (Friday).

It proved an intriguing affair against Castlefields who took the aggregate by 36 (238-202), with Darren Lacey the biggest winner for Ifton when prevailing 21-15 against Adrian Rowe.

Earlier in the week, Ifton got their season under way with an impressive 11-3 home success over Newport, taking the aggregate by 66 shots (234-168).

Keirion Roberts was the best winner of the night, storming to a 21-2 success, while Leighton Roberts (21-6) and Craig Griffiths (21-9) were other single figure victors.

**Ladies team goes close in first game**

AFTER a couple of seasons without an active side, Welshpool Ladies returned to the rugby field when they travelled to take on Llangollen and Glyn Ceiriog women.

The girls have been working hard to build a solid base for this reformed side, and this current group look like one of the most promising the club have had since the first women's side was formed at the club in 1994.

And they could count themselves unfortunate to go down 21-20 against Llangollen after putting in a terrific display in their first game.

# Serving up free tennis for children

SHROPSHIRE tennis clubs will embrace the overwhelming success of the first year of Tennis for Kids by serving up a host of free tennis sessions for county youngsters starting this month.

More than 13,000 children nationwide took advantage of the Lawn Tennis Association's initiative to introduce children aged between five and eight to the sport last year. It included hundreds of Shropshire youngsters and, to the delight of Tennis Shropshire officials, many of them have continued to play.

Courses will run for six weeks and children receive a free racket which they will be able to keep at the end of the sessions if they attend regularly.

Bob Kerr, the chairman of Tennis Shropshire, said: "We are looking forward to the return of Tennis for Kids this month and it will be bigger and better than last year, which proved an outstanding success, with the LTA targeting 20,000 children taking part throughout 2017.

"Nearly 1,000 coaches have been selected around the country, with a good number here in Shropshire, and they have all attended training days to ensure they are ready to deliver the fun Tennis for Kids session at many venues around the county."

Former British women's No 1 Annabel Croft, who is heavily involved in the Tennis for Kids initiative, and Sam Richardson, the LTA coach who devised the programme, recently spent time with county coaches at The Shrewsbury Club outlining some of the tweaks to this year's sessions.

Early booking is recommended via the LTA website. Tennis for Kids courses in Shropshire will be held at: Alveley, Baschurch, Bishop's Castle, Boughey Gardens in Newport, Bridgnorth, Brosely, Calverhall, Cound & District, High Ercall, Hollies in Whitechurch, Lilleshall Village, Ludlow Castle, Market Drayton, Oswestry Team Tennis, Shifnal, Shrewsbury Lawn, The Shrewsbury Club, Telford Tennis Centre, Tilstock, Wem and Worfield.

To book, visit <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/TennisForKids/SearchResults?location=Shropshire&distance=50&orderByDate=False>

# Delight as long wait for league win ends

Rugby by John Bridgwater

**OSWESTRY ended their long wait for a first win of the season in rugby's South Lancs and Cheshire One with a timely 25-24 success over Anselmians at sunny Granville Park.**

The Eagles have endured a tough campaign, lying well adrift at the foot of the table while suffering a couple of 100-point losses.

But their persistence paid off when securing a welcome and fully deserved victory at the 24th time of asking.

Anselmians made the short journey to Granville Park expecting an easy win against bottom of the table opposition on this extremely hot day, having notched some notable scalps in recent weeks.

However, the game did not go to plan for the visitors, even though they scored the first try from a quickly taken penalty.

Oswestry then upped their game, with the pack led by Dan Morgan, new to the No8 position, but proving that adaptability can bring the best out of a player.

## Rocked

Scrum half Nick Clay was now getting quick ball to his backs, with fly half Andy Merrett using his immense skills and centre Village Masirewa providing support as they gave their visitors food for thought.

Their efforts saw Luca Owen-Youens kick two penalties to give the home side a narrow 6-5 lead, with Anselmians rocked by their opponents' intensity.

With front row stalwart Guy Roberts forced off with a knee injury, dependable forward Mike Keaveny came on to add his strength to the front row.

And the Eagles stretched their lead when Clay dodged his way through, off loading to Jamie Luckett, who then fed Tom H Jones to speed over in the corner, with Owen-Youens converting.

With the game continuing at a frantic pace, and errors on both sides, the men from the Wirral hit back with a second try when a well worked move saw their centre dart through another missed tackle to score in the corner to reduce the arrears to 13-12.

With the heat taking its toll, Oswestry continued to press in the second half.

A second touchdown came when Merrett mesmerised the whole of the Anselmians defence with a dummy pass as he sped over for wonderful personal and well deserved try, Owen-Youens again converting.

Both sides continued to battle for every scrap of possession, and the Eagles were opened up by the



Luca Owen-Youens scoring the last try for Os as they secure their first win of the season

visitors who exposed a gap to run through some desperate defence for another try.

With Roberts now back on and second row Mike Farrell also on to help strengthen the Oswestry defence, the home side were now on the front foot with Luckett a threat.

Eventually, after some near misses, they found a way through when, opting for a scrum and not a penalty, a mis-move in the backs saw the giant Owen-Youens power over the line for a crucial try.

Anselmians were in no mood to lie down, and stormed forward in the latter stages as they looked

to retrieve the game knowing that a converted try would see them take the spoils.

The Eagles were hanging on before a mistake led to a try in the corner but, fortunately for the hosts, the conversion from wide out was missed as the hosts secured a deserved win.

Boosted by the win, Oswestry entertain Kidderminster in the North Mids Shield semi-final.

OSWESTRY II, meanwhile, finished their league campaign with a terrific 29-22 win away to rivals Wington Park in the Freshlet North West League division four (south).

# Draper draws curtain on home campaign

**The New Saints 1 Gap Connah's Quay 0**

GREG Draper's lone strike saw champions The New Saints mark their last home game of the season with a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Gap Connah's Quay.

Having wrapped up the title last month, the Saints showed no sign of easing off as they extended lead at the top of the Dafabet Welsh Premier to 25 points with victory at Park Hall.

Top scorer Draper broke the stalemate seven minutes into the second half when turning to poke the ball into the net following a scramble for his 16th league and cup goal.

Having defeated Gap in the Welsh Cup just six days before, the league champions were again made to battle all the way by their visitors who had Nathan Woolfe sent off two minutes from time.

Boss Craig Harrison admitted his side had to roll up their sleeves before securing a victory over the resilient Nomads in a Park Hall stalemate.

"It was not a classic, not the most entertaining of games in the world," said Harrison.

"They came here knowing they still needed two points to get third and get into Europe, so were never going to play an open game. They were

## TNS latest

well organised and defended well. It took a while to break them down, but the important thing was that we kept doing what we were doing. We knew that opportunities would come, and one did which we took early in the second half. After that, it was a case of seeing the game out."

Youngster James Jones made a start in his accustomed position of centre half in what was a strong starting line-up, while keeper Paul Harrison made a couple of good saves from set plays to ensure another clean sheet.

Despite some promising positions at both ends, the two rivals were unable to find a way through in a goalless first half as they went toe-to-toe.

Winger Jamie Mullan looked lively, but it was Draper who found the net for the Saints in a scramble soon after the interval, taking the team's league goals tally to 95 with two games left.

Mullan then had a strike comfortably saved from distance by keeper John Danby, and Jon Routledge's shot was tipped over the bar by the keeper.

The TNS No1 Harrison denied Matty Owen and

Horan, but the visitors' hopes of salvaging the game faded two minutes from time when Woolfe was red carded for bringing down Ryan Brobbel.

The day before, TNS' management team had a chance to run the rule over several of their players when the club took on an Aston Villa development team at their Bodymoore Heath training ground, narrowly losing 2-1.

It was a special day for both Sam Ashworth and Harry Bower who made their first-team debuts when coming on as substitutes.

Elsewhere, Jason Oswell's 19th goal of the season extended Newtown's unbeaten run to 10 games in their 1-1 Dafabet Welsh Premier draw with Cefn Druids at Latham Park.

The striker crashed home a close range volley from a Ross Stephens free kick eight minutes into the second half to cancel out Ashley Ruane's 33rd minute opener. Newtown are still well placed to reach the play-offs for the Europa League.

"It was a good point, against a good team who are well organised and make things difficult," said Robins boss Chris Hughes.

Left back Craig Williams reached a milestone of 300 domestic appearances for the Robins.

# Injury-hit Morda miss out on final in extra-time

DESPITE several players carrying injuries, Morda United battled to the end before bowing out of the Llansantffraid Village Cup with a 3-2 extra time defeat to Meifod in a pulsating semi-final.

Robbie Evans had put Meifod ahead before Jamie Evans and Harry Davies hit back to give Morda the advantage at half-time.

An Arwyn Richards effort soon after the break restored parity before Abba Salihi secured the game for Meifod in the second period of extra time at Llansantffraid's Treflan ground.

Morda were rocked on 15 minutes when a speculative lobbed cross from Hywel Bennett was tapped in off the post by Meifod striker Robbie Evans.

Dylan Ellis and Emlyn Williams were impressive for Morda before deft play by Ellis enabled Jamie Evans to hit the equaliser.

Evans spurned two further chances but Harry Davies made no mistake putting Morda in front after more good work by Ellis.

Paul Morris, returning in the United goal, preserved this lead with a fine save from long range before Ben Thompson cleared off the line on the stroke of half time.

Morda were caught napping early in the second period when Arwyn Richards fired home after a quickly taken throw on the left.

With key players Steve Bishton, Emlyn Williams and Adam Jones carrying injuries, Morda made use of three substitutes as they settled for extra time, but, despite dominating play, they could not pierce the Meifod defence.

Meifod's Salihi snatched the lead from the second half restart an despite throwing extra men forward, Morda could not find the elusive goal.

Meifod will face Caersws reserves in the final while Morda had another cup match in midweek with a much-postponed Montgomeryshire cup tie at Guilsfield.

# Winter golf league crown one for Arthur

CONSISTENT performances from Derrick Arthur earned the 25-handicapper the senior winter league crown at Welshpool Golf Club.

A third place finish in the final round was enough to see him clinch the title, finishing behind Stan Rawlings and Mike Kendall.

Arthur won the league with 44 points, seven ahead of second placed captain Alun Evans who finished a point ahead of Rawlings.

Rawlings (22) again impressed in the Seniors Three-Club Competition, taking the honours with 31 points from Richie Amyes (27) on 28 points and Peter Dixon (22) on 26.

The fourball-betterball was won by Mike Williams (7) and Ian Davies (21) on 64, edging out Kevin Morris (10) and Steve Proctor (14) on the count back.

John (Angus) Painter (27) took Sunday's Swindle Stableford with 35 points, seeing off Graham Moss (15) and Mal Sutton (19) on the countback.

# Morris heads Rangers to a late victory

HARRY Morris headed a late winner as Ellesmere Rangers got the better of Pegasus Juniors 2-1 at Beech Grove.

Sixth-placed Ellesmere took the lead last weekend when James Carpenter had the straight forward task of slotting the ball into an empty net after the goalkeeper was caught out on the bounce of the ball from a Jamie Haynes pass.

The visitors from Hereford were soon level, but Rangers wrapped up maximum points five minutes from time as Morris nipped in to nod home after a mix-up.



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## Clarke kicks off season with century

OSWESTRY batsman Joe Clarke underlined his credentials when hitting a century on his first game back for Worcestershire.

Playing against Leeds-Bradford MCCU in a pre-season friendly on his return to action following a busy winter, Clarke stroked 109 off 125 balls, with 11 fours and a six.

His innings helped the Pears declare on 453-4, and the club's director of cricket Steve Rhodes believes Clarke will reap the benefits from his experiences during the past few months.

Clarke finished as Worcestershire's leading scorer in the County Championship last summer with 1,200 runs and five centuries, including a career best 194 against Derbyshire in the final game of the campaign.

Since then he has had enjoyed a steady diet of cricket, starting with the England Lions in the UAE pre-Christmas and then in Sri Lanka for five weeks in February-March.

### Challenging

That was followed by his involvement in the three-match North-versus-South series and finally for the MCC against Middlesex in the UAE.

The 20-year-old endured a challenging time with the Lions before scoring a half-century for the North in the opening 50-over clash.

He then produced a classy 89 for the MCC against the county champions in Abu Dhabi, although Middlesex ultimately won a thrilling contest by one wicket.

Clarke reported back to New Road after being given a few days off to recharge the batteries before facing the students from Leeds-Bradford.

Rhodes said: "I think he is looking forward to playing for Worcestershire again and hopefully scoring runs."

The Pears went onto defeat Leeds-Bradford by an innings and 42 runs after dismissing the students for scores of 162 and 249 respectively.

## Llanfair face fight to avoid relegation

LOWLY Llanfair United are facing a battle to cling on to their Huws Gray Cymru Alliance status.

After their 4-1 home loss to newly crowned champions Prestatyn Town, United find themselves rooted in the relegation places and facing an uphill task.

"We've got three games left, and we've got to try and win all three, although two wins may be enough," said manager Rhys Stephens. "We can take heart from our performance against Prestatyn who are top side and are champions for a reason. We played well in the second half."

Llanfair continued their relegation fight with a trip to Denbigh Town on Wednesday evening, before visiting Holywell Town in another key game on Saturday. They end the season against Powys rivals Guilsfield.

Buckley Town and Conwy United are now relegated, while Mold Alex – who lost to Penrhynoch last weekend – remain in the basement mix.

GUILSFIELD, in eighth spot, are away to Ruthin Town in their penultimate outing on Saturday.

## Trophy in honour of club stalwart



Derek Stokes

ST Martins FC have announced the launch of the Derek Stokes Trophy in memory of the club stalwart who passed away earlier this year.

The West Midlands League division one club will take on Shropshire rivals Whitchurch Alport in the memorial game on Friday, July 21.

"Since Derek passed earlier this year, we have been discussing various ways of keeping his memory living on at the football club," said a club spokesman.

"So we have decided that a trophy game will be played each pre-season

### Football

against a local side where we can attract a good crowd and people can come and enjoy a remembrance of Derek.

"We took the opportunity to choose Whitchurch Alport as the first opponents as everyone has seen the now 'famous' picture of Derek holding the Ethelston Cup at Whitchurch's Yockings Park.

"It also ties in with a competitive pre-season plans as the Reds are currently riding high in the North West

Counties first division," the spokesman added. More plans for the game will be announced in the coming months.

St Martins, meanwhile, will look to bounce back against Worcester Raiders at Park Hall on Saturday (3pm) after their makeshift side lost 2-0 at Darlaston in the West Midlands League division one. Injuries and unavailability meant the Saints travelled with just 11 players, with several playing out of position.

After Worcester Raiders, they visit Wednesfield on Easter Monday and then have a return fixture against Darlaston.

## Fightback in vain despite Tinsley treble

TWO goals from hot shot Ashley Stott put paid to FC Oswestry Town in a 3-1 loss at Daisy Hill in the Hallmark North West Counties League division one.

The prolific Stott took just one minute to give the Bolton side the lead in Monday night's encounter, but Town were level six minutes later through Harrison Millington.

Stott restored the home lead from the spot on 56 minutes, before Daniel Gregory added a third on the hour.

Town are again on the road on Saturday with a trip to Cheshire outfit Sandbach United before hosting Alsager Town on Easter Monday.

Dan Tinsley's hat-trick proved to be no avail as FC Oswestry Town's fightback just fell short in a nine-goal thriller against Cadderton. Os slipped to a 5-4 loss in the Hallmark North West Counties League division one.

The Oldham visitors were ahead 2-1 at the break through Luke Heron and Mathew Crothers, penalty.

Tinsley pulled one back on 21 minutes but Town then went 4-1 behind thanks to Heron again and Andrew Bainbridge.

Tinsley pulled one back with his second on the hour before three more goals came late on. Nathan Quinlan notched a fifth for Chadderton before Jack Harris reduced the arrears with a penalty.

Tinsley then had the last word by completing his hat-trick at the death. Manchester United and England legend Paul Scholes was at Saturday's game at Park Hall watching his son Aaron playing for Chadderton.

GOBOWN CELTIC went out of the Shropshire FA Challenge Cup when suffering an agonising last-gasp 3-2 defeat to Church Stretton at Shrewsbury's Sundome Sports Village.

Trailing by two goals, they rallied through Ian Heathcock and Rich Morris to take the tie to extra-time. But they were stunned when the south Shropshire side struck in the last minute.

## Eagles soar to a belated first win

IT WAS a red letter day for Oswestry's rugby players who finally recorded their first league win of the season.

The Eagles have endured a tough campaign, lying well adrift at the foot of the table. But they turned back the clock to beat Wirral visitors Anselmians in the South Lancs and Cheshire One at the 24th time of asking.

"It was a fantastic day with a good crowd, just like the old days when we got promotion last season," said a club spokesman.

"Anselmians came with a strong team. "It was a hard game, with lots of mistakes, but we got there in the end."

Across the border, COBRA have taken their fight for survival in the North Wales League division one into the last day after sealing a vital 19-5 win over fellow strugglers Ruthin.

The permutations are that the Meifod side must now hope Ruthin do not pick up any points against arch rivals Mold on Saturday, while also earning a maximum five point haul themselves in defeating struggling Colwyn Bay.

● Reports and pictures inside.

# GROUNDNS FOR TNS OPTIMISM

By John Bridgewater

**BOSS Craig Harrison returns to his happy hunting ground when The New Saints visit Bangor City in their penultimate Daffodil Welsh Premier outing on Good Friday afternoon (2.30).**

The runaway league champions have a terrific record at the Bangor University Stadium where they overcame Gap Connah's Quay 3-0 two weeks ago to reach the Welsh Cup final for a fourth successive season.

That final, against Bala Town, will also be played at the same venue at the end of the month, before which Harrison will be hoping to keep up his fine record against the Citizens.

"Bangor have great facilities and a fantastic pitch. We always look forward to playing there, and I've never not won there," he said. "Fingers crossed, it will stay that way, but we are expecting a tough game."

### Meeting

It will be the sixth meeting between the sides this season and the Citizens have lost the previous five – three in the league and also in the Nathaniel Mg Cup and Welsh Cup.

There was a battle of the brothers when The New Saints took on recently crowned Welsh National League division one champions Lex Glyndwr in the NE Wales Challenge Cup at Stantyn Park in Wrexham. In charge of the TNS side was first team coach and club scholarship manager Steve Evans – and leading the opposition was Steve's brother Ricky, whose side won 1-0.

Meanwhile, The New Saints have once again been successful in their application for a UEFA and FAW domestic licence.

The FAW First Instance Licensing Body also confirmed that Huws Gary Alliance champions Prestatyn Town have been awarded the FAW Domestic Licence, so will be promoted to the Welsh Premier League for 2017/18.

Current Welsh League leaders Barry Town United were awarded the licence, so subject to finishing in the top two will be promoted back to the top-flight for the first time since 2004.

## Open Day to bowl 'em over



Newly-elected president Pat McDonald, left, and new captain Pat La Garde are watched by members as they set the new season alight

SUMMER must be round the corner now Wynnstey Bowling club has kicked off its new 2017 season with a traditional bowl off.

Now, with all the members, they are busy preparing for an Open Day at the Wynnstey Hotel crown green on Wednesday April 26 where members of the public are invited to try a free bowling session, with bowls and advice included, in a bid to boost membership.

"It's a great fun sport at the same time as providing gentle exercise without you realis-

ing it," said a club member. "Our Open Day will run from 2 to 4pm and again from 5 to 7pm on Wednesday April 26 and we'd love to see as many Oswestrians popping along as possible to give it a try."

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